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HONGKONG GOVERNMENT UNDER FIRE

OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY H. E. MR. N. L. SMITH

WAR CABINET'S DECISION

"In view of the widespread criticisms of the Government's evacuation policy expressed in the local Press and elsewhere I consider that it is desirable that I should make a short statement to supplement the replies just given by the Honourable Colonial Secretary," remarked His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. N. L. Smith, C.M.G., when he addressed the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

His Excellency continued:

As he has stated the final decision lay entirely with the War Cabinet in London. It would not be proper for me to discuss the steps which led to that decision but I can assure this Council that the Secretary of State was kept fully aware of the serious disturbance to the life of this Colony entailed and of all other considerations which presented themselves to me.

FINAL ORDER

The final order to evacuate women and children of pure European descent was received on the afternoon of Friday, June 28 and a special meeting of the Executive Council on the following morning approved the order for compulsory evacuation the text of which is on record. As there was a suitable ship available on the following Friday (July 5) the Evacuation Committee at once got to work on the basis of the list of voluntary applicants for evacuation prepared in 1939 and since then kept up to date.

As accommodation was not unlimited the question of compulsory registration of all women was not enforced until July 6 with a fortnight's grace for all concerned. All exemptions granted by myself on the first list as well as all names now registered for the first time are at present under scrutiny.

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We Wonder Too!

There was an amusing interlude in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon during the debate on the \$10,000 "token vote" for evacuation expenses, when the Acting Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, chairman, offered his seat to Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

The latter suggested that Hon. Sir Henry Pollock take the seat and Sir Henry was heard to remark that he would gladly accept the post if he was to receive the same salary.

The remark was greeted with loud laughter.

The incident was preceded by a remark by Sir Henry Pollock that if the Government were serious in saying that they washed their hands off the whole thing, what was the use of a Government at all!

Hon. Mr. Paterson: I have often wondered at that!

U.S. Baptist Mission Destroyed

CHUNGKING, July 25 (Reuter).—Chinese official reports from Chengtu concerning yesterday's raid claim that the American Baptist Mission inside the city was completely destroyed.

The Chinese air force claims that over ten of the 36 Japanese bombers participating in the raid over the city are believed to have been shot down by the Chinese fighters, while the wreckage of one Japanese bomber was already located in Nanpu city, north-east of Chengtu, Szechuen.

Parachutes and aeroplane parts were found in many cities and villages in northern Szechuen along the route back to the Japanese base in Shansi.

The Chungking air defence headquarters stated that Japanese aircraft, originally entered Szechuen, via Nanking, north of Chungking, heading straight for China's wartime capital turned towards Chengtu due to bad weather conditions here.

GOVERNMENT FORFEITS COMMUNITY'S CONFIDENCE

A STRAIN UPON LOYALTY

Opposing the \$10,000 "token vote" at the Finance Committee meeting yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., said that he did so on the ground of discrimination.

Stating that the Colonial Secretary's replies to questions 8 and 9 seemed to him to be curious, it was difficult to understand why the occasion should have arisen in the case of Mrs. A. the wife of a civilian, and should have not arisen in the case of Mrs. B, the wife of a volunteer.

On this question of evacuation or deportation, as Sir Henry Pollock had aptly called it, said Mr. D'Almada, the Government had forfeited to a great extent the respect and confidence of the community.

This, of course, was entirely Government's business but that was not all. Government had also placed an appreciable strain upon the loyalty of a large section of the community and he (Mr. D'Almada) was not going to be an accessory after the fact to any measure which had brought this about.

Hon. Mr. Dodwell remarked that as the evacuation order was by the Home Government the expenses should be paid by the Home Government. The expenses, he said, would be well over £100,000. At present, four or five thousand women and children had been evacuated leaving some 600,000 to 700,000 Chinese women and children. If it was the Government's purpose to turn Hongkong into a fortress then there was no necessity for the evacuation to be confined to selected persons.

In reply to the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Dodwell said that he was not suggesting that they should refuse to obey the War Cabinet.

Sir Henry Pollock said that the War Cabinet was some 10,000 miles away and did not form any integral part of this Colony and they had no means of putting questions to them about their motives.

The Hongkong Government had in fact, by the answers given by the Colonial Secretary to Mr. D'Almada's questions, Cont'd Page 12, Col. 3

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UNANIMOUS OPPOSITION BY THE UNOFFICIALS TO SCHEME FOR COMPULSORY EVACUATION

"Discrimination" Disclosures By Daily Press Have Sequel

"Deportation Of Women Against Their Will"

CHARGES THAT THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT had forfeited to a great extent the respect and confidence of the community in the Colony and had placed an appreciable strain on the loyalty of a large section of the people, were levelled by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., yesterday when he joined in the unanimous opposition raised by unofficial members of the Legislative Council in the course of a lively debate at the Finance Committee meeting on the item of a "token vote" of \$10,000 for expenses incurred by the compulsory evacuation scheme.

Sooner Face Bombs

"This is hellish. I would sooner face bombs in Hongkong than go through this again."

This is an extract from a letter received by another husband whose wife is an evacuee in Manila.

Other extracts follow: "We were shifted to a hotel from Fort McKinley. It was terrible. I couldn't describe it. It was the biggest brothel hotel in Manila."

"There were 50 of us, all with young children, and we spent the night nursing them in the first floor passage. Not one of us went to bed."

"Most of the children were sick and we were removed by the British Consul the next morning at 9 a.m. After being treated for a week at Fort McKinley by the Doctor our daughter has been admitted to hospital with dysentery and a temperature of 104."

Good Crops In S.W. Provinces

CHUNGKING, July 25 (Reuter).—Extremely optimistic reports have been submitted to the Government authorities on the return to Chungking of the Special Official Investigation Mission sent to the various provinces.

Good crops were reported in all the south-western provinces, including Hunan, Yunnan and Kwichow, where generally the crops are poor.

In the south-western provinces, the living conditions of the farmers, labourers and merchants are improving with the high prices for the farm products, higher wages and better business profits.

In the villages in the interior, it used to be a big event to kill a pig for food—generally once in 10 days—on such occasions the villagers go around beating gongs.

Now no beating of gongs is necessary, as pigs are killed everyday. The only people affected by the war are teachers and Government employees, who must live on their fixed salaries.

Commenting on the recent disclosures of "disgraceful discrimination" meted out to the evacuees in Manila, THE HON. MR. M. K. LO asked the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, if he could, "in the presence of the press," say whether Government received such complaints and requested that the Government should resolutely hold an inquiry and punish the persons responsible.

PRESSED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON. MR. H. R. BUTTERS, FOR A MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT, MR. LO DECLARED THAT HE HAD SEEN LETTERS AND NEWSPAPER REPORTS WHICH REVEALED THAT THERE WAS "WEEDING OUT" AMONGST THE EVACUEES BY MR. T. J. HOUSTON AND THE VERY REV. J. L. WILSON ON THE EXPERT ADVICE OF TWO LADIES FROM HONGKONG.

Hon. Mr. Lo asked the Colonial Secretary if he could, in the presence of the Press, say whether the Government had received complaints of the disgraceful discrimination shown to the women in Manila by those who had been sent by the Government to take charge of the evacuees.

The Colonial Secretary: I made a statement to the Press yesterday. I forget which paper. (Mr. North then quoted the statement that appeared on the front page of our issue yesterday).

Hon. Mr. Lo suggested that it would be well if a thorough investigation was made. He requested that Government should resolutely hold an enquiry and punish the persons responsible.

The Colonial Secretary replied that Government officials sent to Manila had nothing to do with the allocations of accommodation.

WEEDED OUT

Hon. Mr. Lo said that he had reliable information that the women evacuees in Manila were weeded out by the Government officials on the advice of two ladies. It was of no use merely to send a cable to enquire into the matter because the reply could very well be that there "was nothing in it."

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, agreeing with the views expressed by the unofficial members, argued that the expenses be paid from the Home Treasury.

The Colonial Secretary then said that instructions were received from Home that the Government should evacuate women and children of European race.

For what reason and how, at the moment, he (Mr. North) did not know, but some non-European women had been sent to Manila and it was only logical that they should be brought back.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Does the Government seriously say that they wash their hands of this? If so what is the use of having a Government at all! (Laughter.)

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SOONER SCHEME IS ABOLISHED THE BETTER

Sir Henry Pollock said: I regret that I must vote against this item of \$10,000 for evacuation expenses, because I do not agree with the Government's evacuation policy.

I am of opinion that, apart from women with children, the Government ought not to evacuate any more British women from this Colony.

I am further of opinion that British married women without children and British single women, who have already been evacuated from the Colony, ought to be given by the Government the option of returning to Hongkong from Manila instead of being sent on from Manila to Australia.

I cannot see any justification for these two classes of women provided that they are willing to run the risk of Hongkong being invaded, being kept in enforced Cont'd Page 7, Col. 2

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VITAL CONFERENCE IN SHANGHAI: FUTURE OF SETTLEMENT

SHANGHAI, July 25 (Reuter).—FOR THREE HOURS THIS AFTERNOON the Consular Body held a discussion which is likely to have a vital effect on the future of the Shanghai International Settlement.

The British and Italian authorities were represented at the meeting which considered the appeal made by the Chairman of the Municipal Council for co-operation in combating the wave of terrorism which is sweeping the city.

S'HAIR RUSSIAN REGIMENT TO CEASE

SHANGHAI, July 25 (Reuter).—The Russian Regiment, well-known for its services here during times of trouble, is to cease to exist as a military organization.

The Council has decided to transfer the regiment to the police department, as retention as a military unit is no longer justified.

The regiment will move from its present headquarters on the Bund to the Amoy Gaoi Buildings, which will be converted for its use.

The Council has also decided to disband the mounted unit of the Shanghai Police.

It is understood that a resolution considering the action to be taken was proposed by the senior Consul, M. Poni Scheel, Danish Consul-General.

It is believed that the Japanese objected to the motion, urging the only satisfactory solution will be the acceptance by the other Powers of "actualities"—recognition of the Nanking regime and the suppression of pro-Chungking activities in the Settlement.

SPECIAL POWERS

The Press today generally predicted that the Consular Body would confer special powers on the Municipal Council, with the result that stringent curfew hours will be enforced, barricades erected in all the important street corners and extensive co-operation afforded by the military defence forces.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

TERSE REPLIES GIVEN TO 16 QUESTIONS ON EVACUATION SCHEME

The following were the questions asked by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday afternoon on the Government's compulsory evacuation scheme, and the replies given by the Acting Colonial Secretary:

(1) Was the recent compulsory evacuation of women and children from the Colony at the order of the Home Government or directed by the Hongkong Government?

A.—As announced in the Press communiqué issued on June 29 last this action was taken on instructions from the War Cabinet.

(2) If the former, was the order in terms that only British women and children of pure European descent should be evacuated?

A.—The terms of the orders were that this should be done as a first step.

(3) If the answer to (2) is in the affirmative, did Government draw the attention of the Home Government to the following:

(a) that there is in the Colony a large number of British women and children who are not of pure European descent?

(b) the consequent discrimination involved in the said order?

A.—The answer is in the negative. His Majesty's Government is aware of the position.

(4) If the answer to (1) is that the said evacuation was directed by the Hongkong Government, will Government state its reasons for limiting it as indicated in (2)?

A.—Does not arise.

(5) Is it not a fact that

(a) before September 1939 a scheme had been drawn up by a Committee appointed by Government, which scheme provided for the evacuation inter alia of women and children who are British subjects?

(b) that the said Committee recommended "selective evacuation" if the available accommodation fell short of requirements and suggested further that a reasonable basis for determining the order of selection would be:

(i) Naval and Naval Volunteer families; (ii) Military, R.A.F. and H.K.V.D.C. families; (iii) Civilian families.

(c) that those to whom the operation of the scheme was entrusted were unequivocally informed that, upon an evacuation, and irrespective of the question of accommodation, the said order of selection or precedence would be observed?

(d) that before September 1939 personnel had been recruited for the purpose of putting the scheme into operation when the occasion arose?

(e) that the said scheme was designed to operate at short notice?

(f) that as regards the recent evacuation there was no question of short notice?

A.—The 1939 scheme was drawn up to meet a contingency which has not yet arisen, and it is considered unnecessary to adopt it in present circumstances. Should the

situation alter appropriate steps will be taken.

WHO'S TO PAY?

(6) If the answers to (5) (a) and (b) are in the affirmative will Government state why the said scheme and order of precedence were abandoned in favour of the evacuation as in fact carried out?

A.—See my reply to question 5.

(7) Who is to bear the cost of the recent evacuation?

A.—The cost of transport of civilian families will be met from Hongkong funds. The question of the extent to which maintenance will be provided from the same source is under discussion.

(8) Are wives and families of members of the H.K.V.D.C. who are not of pure European descent to be evacuated?

A.—Yes, if occasion arises and if suitable arrangements can be made.

(9) If so, when?

A.—When occasion arises.

(10) If not, why not?

A.—See the answer to 13.

(11) Are British women and children who are not of pure European descent to be evacuated?

A.—This cannot be guaranteed but what is possible will be done.

(12) If so, when?

A.—When occasion arises.

(13) If not, why not?

A.—There may be practical difficulties such as lack of shipping or the difficulty of obtaining admission to other territories.

FRANK STATEMENT WANTED

(14) If the answers to (8) and (11) are in the negative, should not Government have made an early statement accordingly, so that the many concerned might make their own arrangements?

A.—There has never been any reasons why persons who so desire should not make their own arrangements to leave Hongkong.

(15) Has Government any definite policy in regard to evacuation?

A.—Yes, but this policy must naturally vary according to circumstances.

(16) If so, will Government make a full and frank statement with regard thereto?

A.—The answer must be understood in connection with the reply to question 15. In view of the present world situation it has been considered expedient to remove from the Colony as many as possible of those women and children who are not normally domiciled here, and can most conveniently be established elsewhere. Should the situation unhappily deteriorate further measures may be advisable. If so, the steps already taken will have greatly simplified the problem.

H. K. S. P. C. A. Hold Their Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was held yesterday at the Supreme Court. The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, president of the Society, was in chair.

The society has suffered a set-back owing to present world conditions, but in spite of these hardships, organisation was being pushed forward.

The annual report states that during the year under review the new Regulations for the prevention of cruelty to animals in relation to Bird Shops had been enacted and had come into force. The Dogs' Home was repaired and reconditioned to shelter dogs and cats brought down by refugees that needed attention. The activities of the inspectors had been steadily maintained throughout the year, and they continued to receive and investigate complaints of incidents of ill-treatment to animals.

BIG DEFICIT

Under the financial heading, the report says that during the year the expenditure had exceeded income by nearly \$3,500. The reason for the deficit was a decrease in "donations" by nearly \$1,000, and because of the many demands made on the "Public" by reason of the war in Europe and China, the society decided that it would be inopportune to hold a Flag-day.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Sir Atholl thanked Mrs. F. H. Loseby, who had served five years as Secretary of the Dogs' Home, for her "essential help." He expressed the desire of the Society

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Officers for the general committee who were re-elected on bloc, were as follows:

President: Sir Atholl MacGregor, Vice-President: F. H. Loseby, General Committee: Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chairman, Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, J. H. Bottomley, H. M. Cockle, D. Davies, Mrs. Eu Tong Sen, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Grasett, J. C. M. Grenham, Mrs. Guinness, F. H. Loseby, (Ex. Officio), Mrs. G. V. Hobbs, Mrs. Landale, Mrs. G. A. Lelper, Mrs. F. H. Loseby, Mrs. J. MacGregor, Mrs. G. P. de Martin, Mrs. F. G. Maunde, R. Pestonji, Mrs. H. F. Phillips, R. Dormer, (Ex. Officio), N. J. Perrin, J. Russell, Mrs. L. R. Shores, Mrs. J. T. Smalley, Mrs. A. E. Southard, M. P. Talat, Mrs. O. C. Wilson, Dr. K. C. Yeo. Hon. Treas.: R. Dormer, Hon. Sec.: Dog's Home: Mrs. F. H. Loseby, Hon. Auditors: Messrs. Thomson and Co., Secretary: Mr. W. Rees-Harris, M. I. J. Lond. Inspector: Mr. G. Fowler, Interpreter: Mr. Ling Jo Ting.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION APPROVED

Moving the first reading, at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday afternoon, of a Bill to authorise the appropriation of a supplementary sum of \$2,484,991.47 to defray the charges of the year 1939 and also to appropriate the sum of \$80,331.25 from the Waterworks Renewals and Improvements Fund in the said year, The Financial Secretary, Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, said:—

I rise to move the first reading of the (1939 Supplementary) Appropriation Bill 1940. Copies of a detailed statement of expenditure and of a Report on the Finances of the Colony for the year 1939 are now before Honourable Members. The various excesses over the estimated and appropriated sums are explained in the detailed statement of expenditure, and these extra appropriations have all received the approval of the Finance Committee of this Council in the usual way.

VOTES APPROVED

In all, supplementary votes for a total of \$6,584,007 were approved by this Council and the Secretary of State. An analysis of these appears in paragraph 3 of the Financial Report, from which it will be seen that they were due largely to Defence and War expenditure, and to the effect of the Sino-Japanese hostilities which swelled the population of the Colony with refugees, resulting in increased expenditure on charitable services and relief works.

About \$4,000,000 of this total was met by savings on the relevant heads of expenditure, or was ultimately not expended, and savings on other heads have resulted in the actual expenditure for the year exceeding the estimate of \$7,757,223 by \$1,918,993 only.

This is amply covered by the increase of revenue which exceeded the Estimate by \$5,360,727 against an anticipated deficit of \$1,859,898, the actual revenue being \$41,478,052.

Clause 3 of the Bill provides for additional appropriation from the Waterworks Renewals and Improvements Fund. As members are aware expenditure from this Fund requires legislative sanction. Hon. Mr. North seconded.

THE WEATHER

Yesterday's temperature was 84 and the minimum 75.

The Royal Observatory's report, issued at 5.40 p.m., stated:—

An area of high pressure covers south Japan and the adjacent seas. A trough of low pressure extends from Tongking to the Caroline Islands.

A depression appears to be forming about 800 miles to the east of Luzon.

The forecast for today is showery.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., July 25.

Barometer (at sea level): 29.81 ins.

Temperature, 79 F.

Humidity, 89 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature, maximum yesterday, 84 F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 75 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, 0.63 ins.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 79.96 ins.

Against an average of, 49.81 ins.

Sunset tonight, 7.07 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5.52 a.m.

4 p.m., July 25.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.76 ins.

Temperature, 83 F.

Humidity, 74 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 6.

Maximum temperature, 84 F.

Minimum temperature, 75 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 26 July to 1 Aug. 1940.

High Water Low Water

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AUSSIE BOXERS FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

Many amateur boxers, including State champions, have joined the forces to serve overseas. Latest enlistment comes from Mr. Mick Hall who has been honorary assistant secretary of Queensland Amateur Boxing and Wrestling Union for many years, according to the Courier Mail.

He has been closely associated with Mr. Tom Martin (secretary) and other officials in organising State title and open tournaments.

Mick has joined the anti-tank regiment of the A.I.F. In the same regiment is Bill Escott, who was Queensland middleweight champion when he enlisted.

Fred Davey, holder of the State bantam title, who is with the Navy, has to his credit many fine performances in Brisbane and Sydney.

Arthur Cobb, metropolitan lightweight champion, is with the A.I.F.

The Boxing Union donated recently the proceeds at the Black and White tournament to patriotic funds, £50 being given to the Red Cross and £50 to the Patriotic Fund.

TENNIS CHAMP. ALSO

Dudley Cameron, a well-known Brisbane sportsman, has been accepted for the A.I.F. and is in camp at Enoggera.

He was Queensland's No. 1 tennis player before the long reign of E. F. Moon, and was the best one set player in Australia. In recent years he has been coach for the Queensland Lawn Tennis Association.

Harold Williams, a Queensland ranked player, is awaiting his call to the R. A. A. F. He has left hospital after an operation for his tonsils.

Another former Queensland tennis player, Jack McGrath, headmaster of Stanthorpe rural school for many years, is encouraging boxing amongst his pupils. So keen are they that he has arranged a tournament of three divisions.

RUGBY STARS

"Babe" Collins, in his first season as captain and coach of the Brisbane Rugby League team, has performed the outstanding feat of leading his men to victory in the Bullimba Cup. Collins and Little are the only surviving players of the Brisbane side which previously won the inter-city championship in 1932.

Collins then showed great promise, but as a lock forward he was overshadowed by Christie. Since touring England in 1937-38, however, Collins had developed into a greater player than Christie and it is doubtful if there is a brainier loose forward in Australia to-day.

Like Collins, Jack Little profited by his experiences in England, and he, too, is now outstanding as a specialist. When they played for Brisbane in 1932, neither Collins or Little filled the scrum positions they now occupy. Kieley in most matches that season was Brisbane's hooker, while Christie was the recognised lock forward.

Bob Muirhead, Valley Rugby League forward, has enlisted in the A.I.F. Muirhead made a name for himself as a solid rucking forward in North Queensland, and played several first grade matches with Valley early this season.

Charlie Hazelton, the Kangaroo and St. George wing three-quarter, who played against Brisbane in Brisbane at Easter, also has joined the A.I.F. His club, St. George, is leading in the Sydney Rugby League premiership, but Hazelton said his country's needs were greater than the winning of a football premiership. Hazelton toured England with the last Australian Rugby League team in 1937-38.

Football To Carry On

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).

Following the receipt of information that semi-official Government quarters considered football highly desirable for recreation and relaxation for workers and the forces, the motion calling for the suspension of competitive football for the duration was withdrawn at a meeting of the Scottish Football Association and regional fixtures were planned to commence on August 10.

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SPORTING FIXTURES

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Men's Practice period (5.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.) Mixed Swimming (6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.)

TENNIS.—Mixed Doubles Division: L.R.C. v. C.R.C., K.C.C. (B.) v. H.K.U.T.C.

TOMORROW

LAWN BOWLS.—First Division: Indian R.C. v. Recreation "A", Cran-

gower v. Kowloon C.C., Kow-

loon B.G.C. v. Civil Service, Police R.C. v. Recreation "B", Kowloon Docks R.C. v. H.K. Football Club; Second Division: Kowloon Football Club v. Cran-

gower, Talkoo R.C. v. Kow-

loon B.G.C., Kowloon Tong R.C. v. Police R.C., Recreation v. Civil Service, Hongkong C.C. v. Kow-

loon C.C.; Third Division: Prison O.C. v. Kowloon Football Club, Hongkong C.C. v. Cran-

gower, H.K. Football Club v. Indian R.C., Hongkong Electric v. Kowloon B.G.C.

Lawn Bowls Selections

Below we give some of the Lawn Bowls selections for tomorrow:—

FIRST DIVISION

RECREIO "A": L.J. Silva, F.A. Soares, R.F. Luz, H.A. Alves (skip); L.F. Xavier, C.M. Silva, F.V. Ribeiro, F.X. Silva (skip); J.A. Luz, C.E. Marques, J.F. Ribeiro, C.G. Silva (skip).

RECREIO "B": P.A. Machado, J.A. Remedios, C. Roza-Perreira, B. Basto (skip); D.C. Alves, C.M. Basto, A.P. Guterres, J.J. Basto (skip); A.P. Perreira, A.F. Noronha, J.C. Remedios, J.E. Noronha (skip).

INDIANS: D.M. Khan, K.M. Rumjahn, A.M. Rumjahn, M.R. Abbas (skip); J. Hoosen, A.K. Sufiad, A.R. Miru, A.K. Minu (skip); A.H. Rumjahn, S. Yusuf, M.Y. Adal, A.R. Dallah (skip).

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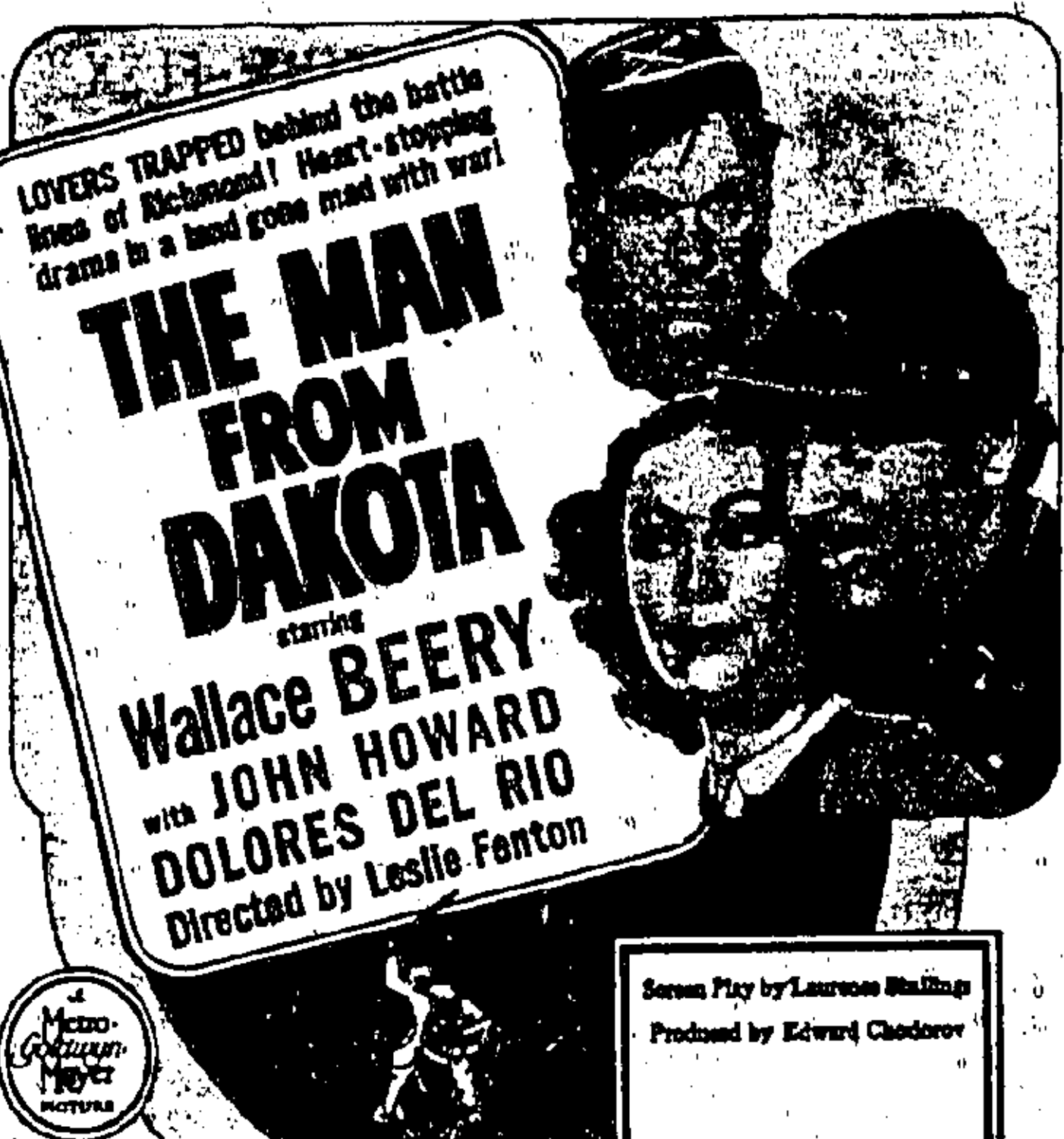
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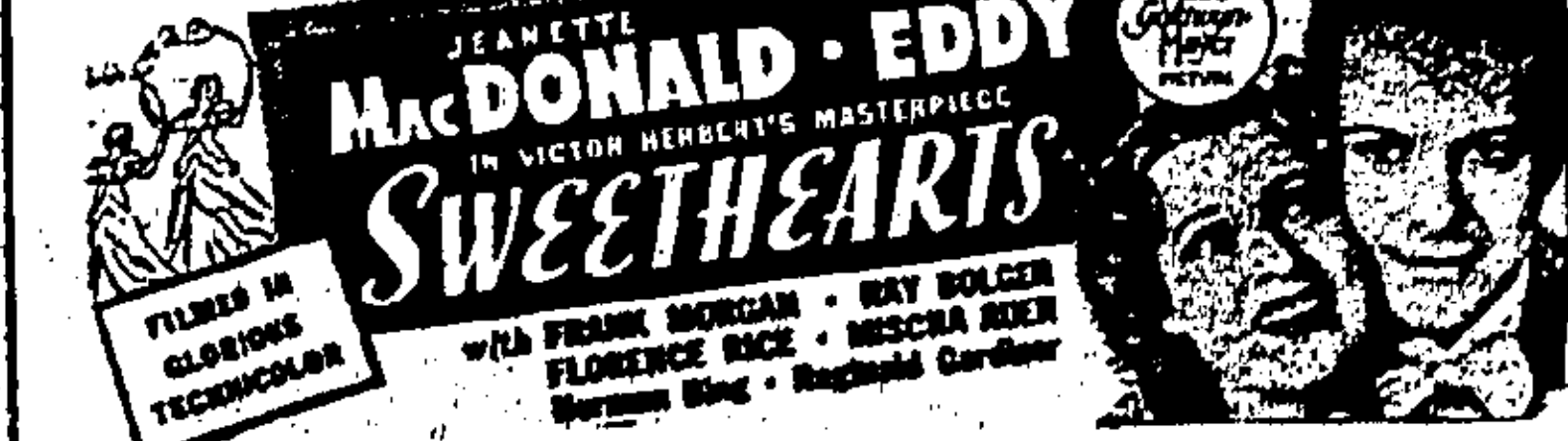
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"World Affairs"

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-

cession.

12.30 Beethoven - Sonata in F

Minor, Op. 57 ("Appassionata").

Arthur Schnabel (Piano).

12.45 A Song by Kirsten Flagstad

(Soprano).

Creation's Hymn (Beethoven) -

with Piano, accomp. by Edwin Mc-

Arthur.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather

Report.

1.05 Duke Ellington and His Or-

chestra.

Fox-Trots - Awful Sad; Twelfth

Street Rag; Slow Fox-Trot - Black

and Tan Fantasy; Fox-Trot - Black

Beauty; Fox-Trot - Admiration, Swing-

steps - Show Boat Shuffle; Echoes of

Harlem. Fox-Trots - Moon Over

Dixie; Jazz Convolutions.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather

Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Light Variety.

Vocal - F. D. R. Jones (Rome); Fol-

low The White Line (North); Arthur

Askey with Jack Hyton and Some of

His Boys. Comedienne - Sh. Fought

Like A Tiger For Er. Onkey & His

Orchestra. Waltz - Love, Live for

Ever (Operetta "Paganini"); Quickstep

— Girls Were Made to Love and Kiss

(Film "Paganini"); Victor Silvester &

His Ballroom Orch. Fox-Trots—Was

it Rain? (from "The Hit Parade");

On A Little Dream (Galloway & His

Orchestra. Waltz - Tango - Jingle

Bells; Twilight - E. Bohr's Argentine

Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trots - Poor

Robinson Crusoe; Keep Calling Me

Sweetheart - Billy Cotton & His Band.

Swingstep - Don't Count Your Chances

Ten; Slow Fox-Trot - House Beauties

— Victor Silvester and His Ball-

room Orch. Rumba Fox-Trots—Ma-

ma Ties; Lady, Play Your Mandolin

— Havana Novelty Orchestra. Fox-

Trot - Hurdy-Gurdy Man - Nat

Gonella and His Georgians.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Sum-

mary 4.00 p.m.

Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

Trans. II & III—News Sum-

mary 6.45 p.m.

Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.

do. 9.15 p.m.

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COMING EVENTS

JULY

26—Tides: High 1.55 a.m. and 12.35

p.m. Low 7.25 a.m. and 7.41 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.52 a.m.; Sunset: 7.06 p.m.

R.A.O.C. Monthly Dinner: Speaker:

Major-General T. Sutton on "The His-

tory of the Stokes Gun."

Ladies' Working Party (R.W.O.F.).

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Cheero Club: Darts & Table-Tennis.

H.K.F.A. Council Meeting: 5.30 p.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Lec-

ture on First Aid, St. John's Cathed-

ral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Club Mtg.,

8 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, D.O. South, 11

a.m.

27—Tides: High 2.25 a.m. and 1.20

p.m. Low 8.30 a.m. and 8.11 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.53 a.m.; Sunset: 7.06 p.m.

Eastern A.A. Swimming Gals at

North Point, 1.30 p.m.

28—Tides: High 3.04 a.m. and 2.31

p.m. Low 10.25 a.m. and 8.56 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.53 a.m.; Sunset: 7.06 p.m.

Lava Boat Open Rinks—Quarter

Finals, O.S.C.C., 2.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

29—Tides: High 4.50 a.m. and 4.35

a.m. Low 11.50 a.m. and 9.17 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.53 a.m.; Sunset: 7.06 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.

30—Tides: High 4.40 a.m. and 6.35

a.m. Low 12.46 p.m. and 10.25 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.53 a.m.; Sunset: 7.04 p.m.

31—Tides: High 5.31 a.m. and 7.59

a.m. Low 1.32 p.m. and 11.46 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.54 a.m.; Sunset: 7.44 p.m.

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BOOK-READING PUBLIC OF COLONY FIGHT SHY OFF ALL BOOKS ON WAR

Light Fiction Sells Better Than Anything Else

THE COLONY'S BOOK-READING PUBLIC is fighting shy off all books on the war and on the political situation in Europe. Light fiction sells better than anything else, and some of the old favourites and best-sellers of yesterday are matching strides with the newer books. This was the general report given a Hongkong Daily Press reporter who made a round of the local book stores yesterday.

There is now no favourite leading the field in the way John Gunther's "Inside Asia" was last year, and, indeed, the slump in interest in books on the Far Eastern situation continues unabated.

The best sellers in this class remain Gunther's contribution, Edgar Snow's "Red Star Over China" and Amelio Vespe's "Secret Agent of Japan."

Few of the newer books on the East have caught on and the only title that was considered worthy of mention by more than one bookshop was Sven Hedin's "The Wandering Lake." This book cannot be described as political, while the only other one agreed to as at all in demand was Madame Chiang Kai-shek's "China in Peace and War."

WAR AND SOLDIER

"War and Soldier" by Ashihel Hino, a Japanese soldier's part humorous and part pathetic account of why he was "in it all" is stated to be quite in demand, a good many of the purchasers being military people. Vicki Baum's "Nanking Road," a book of fiction, is stated to be also regularly asked for.

Sir Neville Henderson's "Failure of a Mission" leads the field among the newer books on Europe along with Douglas Reed's "Nemesis." Winston Churchill's "Step by Step" and Reed's two earlier books "Disgrace Abounding" and "Insanity Fair" remain favourites, though Gunther's "Inside Europe" has gained a reputation for being out of date.

Harold Nicolson's "Why Britain is at War" remains the favourite among the Penguin Specials, while Penguin's Political Dictionary is stated to have had a good demand, now subsiding. Hutchinson's "Pictorial History of the War" and the "History of the War" series by Stephen King-Hall and another by Sir Ronald Storrs find fewer buyers than the excellence of the works warrant.

MAPS IN DEMAND

White Books and Blue Books are gathering dust, though maps and atlases, despite the fact that they now get so easily out of date, are yet much in demand. James "Fighting Ships" maintains the popularity that came to the work with the start of the war and the companion volume, "All the World's Aircraft" is also described as a very good seller.

In the fiction class Christopher Morley's "Kitty Foyle," a saga of the American working girl, fights off all opposition to the title of "most popular with Hongkong readers" from Taylor Caldwell's "The Eagles Gather" and "Dynasty of Death" by the same author. John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" and Vicki Baum's "Nanking Road," already once mentioned, remain in the first half-dozen.

Last year's authors who have come out with newer books continue to receive a good following. Kenneth Roberts' "The Rabble Gathered" is coming in for a just share of interest after his more popular "Northwest Passage" and Margaret Irwin's "The Bride" retains the readers she won with her earlier books.

Steady as ever are the bests of other years. Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind," Rachel Field's "All This and Heaven Too," and "The Yearling" by the same author.

MYSTERY FAVOURITES

Dennis Wheatley and Peter Cheyney lead the detective mystery favourites, with Agatha Christie's "Bad Cypress" a main challenger for first popularity. James Hadley Chase, an author of "Underworld stories" has won a following with such works as "No Orchids for Miss Blandish" and "The Dead Stay Dumb."

Other authors remembered with regularity by the local reading public are A.G. Macdonell and Damon Runyon. Among the newer

"Wish I Had Been Up"

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Air battles off the south-east coast were witnessed by a young man just accepted for service in the R.A.F.

He said: "I wish I had been up."

This R.A.F. recruit saw a German fighter, from which the pilot had baled out, dive and crash.

He continued: "So thrilling was it that the watchers forget their own danger from flying bullets and stood peering up into the sky, watching the planes rushing in and out of the clouds."

"There were squadrons of R.A.F. fighters taking part. The deadliness of their fire, when they got within range of the enemy, was seen in the wreckage of a German fighter which fell in a street. Its smashed fuselage was riddled with bullet holes."

RE-SETTLED IN GERMANY

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Between 75,000 and 80,000 Germans from Bessarabia and Northern Bukovina are being resettled in Germany, according to the "Dienst Auf Deutschland."

The paper says that they are the descendants of Germans from East Prussia and Southern Germany who settled there about a century ago.

ANGLO-POLISH AGREEMENT

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — An agreement initiated between the British and Polish Governments reaffirms Anglo-Polish political and military co-operation on a new basis.

The agreement reaffirms the alliance and the necessity to continue the struggle for final victory and forms solid foundations for the establishment of a Polish army in Britain.

NO ONE BADLY INJURED

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — A Ministry of Home Security communiqué says that enemy aircraft yesterday afternoon dropped bombs on a town in south-east England, causing slight damage and a few casualties.

Earlier yesterday some bombs were dropped in a district in south-west Scotland. Little damage was done and no-one was seriously injured.

FULL MILITARY HONOURS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — The wounded captain of the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni, sunk a few days ago by H.M.A.S. Sydney, has died on board the British hospital ship Alexandria.

He has been buried with full honours in a British Military Cemetery, British naval officers and ratings being present.

COMMUNICATION REOPENS

CHUNGKING, July 25 (Central) — Following the Chinese recapture of Chenhai, northeast of Ningpo on July 23, telegraphic communication between the town and Shanghai has now been resumed, according to a Shanghai report.

Shipping between Shanghai and the town, however, is still a matter of uncertainty as there are still over 10 Japanese warships patrolling northeast of Chenhai.

A LAUGH ON ADOLF

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Listeners all over the world chuckled yesterday when Daventry News announcers finished reading the news by saying: "Oh, last night Hitler attended a performance of Wagner's opera, Twilight of the Gods. That is the end of the news."

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — When the House of Lords met yesterday afternoon it went into secret session and discussed the Government's foreign policy.

MR. MACDONALD AND HITLER'S THREAT

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, speaking at a luncheon in London, after outlining the work of the Health Ministry in connection with air raids, declared:

"If I could choose the moment when I would most wish to be alive in the long unending future, I would choose the few days or weeks hence, whenever the time comes, that the enemy strikes with his maximum force against this island."

"Of course, we shall suffer. Maybe for a short time, maybe for a long time, but in time we shall sink their ships, so slay their invaders and so tear their aeroplanes from the sacred sky above our homes that we shall turn the tide of war."

"Hitler claims that he and his regime represent something young and vital, but dictatorship and tyranny represent one of the oldest and most disastrous systems of government. It is we of the British Commonwealth who stand as representatives of the new liberating, political forces of mankind."

"Victory will rest not with bragging mimics of the dead past but with pioneers of the future."

Nine Nazis Shot Down

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — The destruction of eight enemy aircraft has been officially confirmed so far. A series of communiqués during the day confirm that enemy bombers were shot down on the southeast coast of Scotland, off the Welsh coast, and near the northwest coast during the night and early morning.

Late yesterday afternoon the Air Ministry announced that five more aircraft were confirmed to have been shot down. The ninth victim so far has not been officially confirmed and was reportedly shot down into the sea off the southeast coast of England in the morning during an unsuccessful attack on a convoy.

HEALTH WORK IN KWEICHOW

KWEICHOW, July 25 (Central) — The Kweichow Health Commission is doing its utmost to improve the health conditions in the province. Health Institutes have been established in 71 hsien, and more are expected to be set up in other districts within a month.

Anti-epidemic work is also being pushed with relentless efforts. Cholera, which has been prevalent in the province for the last two years, is now reduced to a minimum.

Payment Of Volunteers

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Negotiations are proceeding with representatives of General De Gaulle as to the rates and emoluments to be fixed for payment of French Volunteers, said Sir Edward Greig, Joint-Under-Secretary for War, in the House of Commons.

In the meantime advances had been issued to them on a provisional scale. Similar negotiations were proceeding with Poland. Advances had been made to the Polish troops and also to the Czechs. With the Norwegians, Dutch, and Belgians, payment of these troops has been undertaken by the Governments concerned at their own rates.

NOTHING KNOWN IN LONDON

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Nothing is known at the Rumanian Legation in London of reports published in Berlin and Rome that the Rumanian Minister in London has been recalled by his Government, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

However, in Rumanian quarters here it is pointed out that it will not be surprising if the Rumanian Government has decided to change its representation in London.

The present Minister, M. Tilea, has always been regarded as pro-British and one of those responsible for the British guarantee to Rumania, which Rumania has now denounced.

Chungking Notified Of Vichy Dictatorship

It was reported that the French Ambassador to China had notified the Chinese government at Chungking of the establishment of the new dictatorial government in France by Marshal Petain, following the receipt of a similar notification from his home government.

The reports were given prominence but no comments were made in regard to the possibility of China's recognition of the new French regime.

The Shun Pao stated that changes which occurred in France during the past few days were the most surprising in modern European history. What impressed the paper most was the fact that a freedom-loving people had been transformed into a dictator state, it was said.



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PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS STARTS "BIG PUSH" TO THE SOUTH

REPORT OF INLAND REVENUE

A drop from \$1,032,942 to \$39,118 in money out on mortgage of land in Bank Deposits was shown in the Report of the Superintendent of Inland Revenue, tabled in Legislative Council yesterday afternoon. A big slump in Estate Duty was also shown.

Total receipts were \$721,527, compared with \$1,220,854 in the preceding year.

Britons who died leaving estates of under \$200,000 left a total of \$2,298,580, which was slightly in excess of the total in 1938.

Chinese estates under \$200,000 were valued at \$3,766,465, the major portion of which was in immovable property (2,148,347).

NEW EDITION OF COLONY ORDINANCES

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney General) moved a resolution for the purpose of adding a Supplementary Schedule to the Law Revision Ordinance, 1939.

The Attorney General also moved the following resolution:—

Resolved that the Third Volume of the new edition of the Ordinances of the Colony, which has been prepared under the authority of the Ordinances and Regulations of Hongkong (1937 Edition) Ordinance, 1936, and which has this day been laid before this Council for approval, be approved.

The Attorney General moved a resolution for the purpose of maintaining under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, 1931, the duties and drawbacks hitherto authorized under the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, the Tobacco Ordinance, 1931, and the Hydrocarbon Oils Ordinance, 1939.

BILLS

The Attorney General also moved the first reading of—

"A Bill to amend the Fire and Marine Insurance Companies Deposit Ordinance, 1917."

"A Bill to amend the Life Insurance Companies Ordinance, 1907."

THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were:—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. N. L. Smith, C. M. G. (Presiding), His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasset, D.S.O., M.C., Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Acting Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (Attorney-General), Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrle (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters (Financial Secretary), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke (Director of Medical Services), Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Retd.) (Harbour Master), Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Commissioner of Police), Hon. Mr. H. J. Pearce (Acting Director of Public Works), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas and Mr. C. Bramall Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

The Council was adjourned sine die.

SALE OF SOME GOLD PIECES

At the continued hearing of the case in which a commission agent, Abdul Aziz Rumjahn, 37, was charged with the fraudulent conversion of 31 gold coins and 15 silver coins, Mr. M. A. da Silva, for the defence, said that it will be recalled that a man, Chan Lum-sun, was entrusted with some of the coins to take to Chungking for sale. That man, said Mr. Silva, has not yet returned.

Mervanji Palonji Talati, the complainant and owner of the coins, said that in Jan. 1939, he handed a collection of coins to Rumjahn for sale. He received a receipt, which stated that the sale was to be made within three days, failing that the coins were to be returned.

Rumjahn said complainant said he would sell the coins for \$2,500 and if he could not get any buyer for the sale he would return them to him.

When Rumjahn returned the coins, 31 gold-coins and 15 silver-coins were missing. The value of

14 SCHEDULES A WEEK

IN ONE OF THE BIGGEST FLYING PROGRAMMES ever launched, Pan American Airways this month started a "big push" through Central and South America in step with President Roosevelt's plan to bulwark the economic and military defense of the Western Hemisphere.

Fourteen Pan American schedules a week now connect North and South America, three of which are operated by the new Strato-Clippers, the first "above-the-weather" aircraft, which operate at 20,000 foot levels. A daily service now connects New York with the most distant of South American Republics, Argentina some 1,500 miles to the south. The purpose of these new schedules is fourfold and indicates the importance now being attached to air communication between the Americas.

FOUR OBJECTS

1. To link the 21 American democracies together as closely as the 48 States are by railroad.

2. To provide transport facilities so trade can travel faster between North and South America than it can over any totalitarian means between Europe and South America.

3. To provide American air transport facilities for the development and operation of national air services within the Latin American Republics.

4. To provide aircraft capacity so that everybody and everything except the "bulk" products of trade can move by air.

CLIPPERS DUE

Pan American Airways China Clipper is due to arrive in Hongkong on July 31 and will return to Manila en route to San Francisco on Aug. 1.

The Honolulu Clipper is scheduled to reach Hongkong on Aug. 5 and will take off on her return flight the following morning.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Imperial Airways inward plane, Della (Capt. Dykes and F/O Harvey) arrived at Kai Tak yesterday afternoon bringing 120 kilos of mail for Hongkong and four passengers—Messrs. Shukur (two brothers) and Messrs. Hamilton and Brager, American geologists.

The next inward service is due in Hongkong on July 29.

The next outward service, taking Hongkong mails to the United Kingdom, via Durban, will leave Kai Tak on Sunday morning.

Toll Of The Road

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the 20th July 1940, there were altogether 95 traffic accidents as the result of which 2 persons were killed and 43 persons were injured.

Of persons killed, a Chinese female, age 47, was knocked down and killed by a bus while crossing the carriageway and a 6-year-old boy died from injuries received on falling off a moving lorry.

Of persons injured, 34 were pedestrians who were struck by vehicles while crossing the carriageway.

A motor cyclist and a passenger were injured as the result of a collision between vehicles.

A motor cyclist, a bicycle rider and a lorry driver were injured when their vehicles ran onto roadsides.

A private car driver was injured when his car ran off the roadway.

Three bus passengers were injured while alighting from moving buses.

Of 95 accidents, 38 were collisions between vehicles; 42 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 15 accidents were due to other causes.

the missing coins come to \$2,400. On the application of Mr. Silva the case was adjourned to August 11.

The case was heard by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Mr. W. A. MacLennan appeared for the prosecution.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS AT CENTRAL

WANTS TO CALL WITNESS

In order that defendant may call a friend to testify to his character, a remand of 24 hours was granted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the case in which Hung Kwong-buen was charged with the possession of a knife in Queen's Road East.

He was stopped by a Chinese detective and the knife was found wrapped up in sheets of paper. Defendant said that he borrowed the knife to cut wood in Aberdeen.

Det. Sgt. J. Bentley appeared for the Police.

SALESMAN IN TROUBLE

Charged with the embezzlement of \$104.10 from Thom's Groceries, of No. 27 Des Voeux Road Central, Mak Cheung-hing, 37, unemployed salesman, was remanded 48 hours by Mr. R. Edwards yesterday at the Central Magistracy for further inquiries.

Det. Sub-Ins. Byron prosecuted.

SNATCHED HANDBAG

An unemployed, Fu Lam, 20, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards yesterday at the Central Magistracy on a charge of snatching a handbag from an unknown Chinese female in Old Bailey Street on July 23.

He was found guilty and was sentenced to be expelled from the Colony for five years.

Det. Sub-Ins. Byron prosecuted.

HUNGRY FOR DAYS

A 40-year-old unemployed, Tong Lee, was ordered to sign a personal bond to be of good behaviour for one year when he appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with the theft of a bottle of milk from the staircase of No. 38 Babbington Path.

Defendant stated that he had not had food for a few days and was very hungry. He said that he was a broom seller until his stock-in-trade was stolen.

NO EVIDENCE OF EMBEZZLEMENT

On the submission of Mr. E. S. Brooks, for the defence, that there was no evidence on the embezzlement charge, Chan Ping-tong, 36, motor-mechanic, was found not guilty on 12 counts of embezzlement of money totalling \$49 from Tsang Kwai-tang, proprietress of the Man Lee garage.

On a second charge of larceny of motor accessories defendant also pleaded not guilty.

Evidence was given by the son of complainant that, after instructions from his mother, he made a check and found the motor accessories missing.

Defendant, giving evidence, said that he was employed by the Man Lee Garage as manager. He denied stealing tools from the cars.

The case was then adjourned to July 27 at 11 a.m.

AT KOWLOON

ROBBED AMERICAN YOUTH

Pleading guilty to the larceny of a wrist watch from an American youth, Chester Lindt, at King's Park near the Recreation Ground on July 2, three Chinese, stated to have been formerly employed as cooks, were sentenced each to six months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. MacLennan at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Convicted were Leung Cheung, 20, Lai Chi, 24, and Shui Kim-hung, 19. Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser, prosecuting, said that on July 2, complainant and another boy named Alberto Lazzaro were cycling in King's Park when they noticed a child by the side of the road, crying.

Three men then came down from the hillside and one of them, the third defendant, gripped the handlebars of Lindt's cycle. Second defendant, one of the other two, also took hold of the bicycle, while first defendant caught hold of Lindt's wrist.

They asked the two youths why they had made the child cry and first defendant then attempted to

TWO WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

Two weddings took place at the Supreme Court yesterday. Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiating.

The parties were:—Mr. Lie Lien-sing, merchant, residing at No. 23, Stone Nullah Lane, and Miss Siu Mui, of No. 7, Tai Wo Street.

Mr. Pang Big-lai, student, of No. 39A, Battery Street, and Miss Li Chiu-wa, residing at No. 138, Portland Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Yuen Kwok-ching, residing at No. 5, Tung Fong Street, and Miss Koy Kam-fong, of No. 208, Fa Yuen Street.

Mr. J. V. Braga, Assistant Secretary of China Light and Power, Ltd., and Miss L. W. Ashton, medical student, of Edinburgh.

Private A. E. Wickins, of Middlesex Regiment, and Miss Chan Lai, residing at No. 89, Reclamation Street.

take off the wrist watch from Lindt.

The American youth resisted, whereupon the first defendant produced from his pocket a knife and inserted it under the leather strap. Lindt did not struggle any more, and the watch was cut off his wrist.

The three men ran away and were later met again. The watch was pawned for \$14, and each of the three men took \$3.50, the balance of the money being spent on a meal. They were arrested later on information.

UNPASTEURISED MILK IN SALE

Summoned before Mr. Q.A.A. MacLennan at Kowloon Court yesterday for selling unpasteurised milk, Tsang Wing-fuk, 36, owner of No. 8 Cattle Shed, Diamond Hill, Kowloon City, was fined \$50. Sanitary Inspector H.L. Lockhart prosecuted.

The summons against Lee Shu-jung, 33, master of the Yuen Yuen Dairy, No. 108, Prince Edward Road, was remanded for hearing to next Monday at 2.30 p.m. Defendant is summoned for sale of unpasteurised milk at his premises.

THE ORACLE FAILED

Hearing of the case against Lau On, 32, charged with having obtained sums of money and gold coins to a total of \$300 from Leung Wah-hoi, a married woman, by representing that he could appease a certain spirit on her behalf, was fixed by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Court yesterday for the afternoon of Wednesday, July 31. Mr. C. D'Almada will appear for defendant.

STABBED IN STOMACH WITH SCISSORS

Pleading guilty to having stabbed a colleague of his, Tam Kwai, in the stomach with a pair of scissors while in a fit of depression, Li Kau, 40, fook in a firewood business, received sentence of six months' hard labour when he appeared at Kowloon Court yesterday before Mr. Q. A. A. MacLennan.

Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser, prosecuting, said that on the morning of July 3, complainant, with defendant and three other men, two of them being fooks from another firewood shop, were congregated in a woodshop in Battery Street, to the rear of the Kunchung Market, conversing about the bad state of the firewood business.

Eventually the two fooks left, leaving Tam alone in the shop with defendant and the other man, Ho Cheung. As Ho turned his back on Tam and defendant to reach his jacket, he heard complainant utter a cry of "Save Life!" and turned round to see defendant holding a pair of scissors in his hand and complainant with his hand to his stomach.

He took complainant outside the shop, and having seated him, returned and tackled defendant. One of the other two fooks, returning to the scene on hearing Tam's call for help, aided him in disarming defendant, who held not only a pair of scissors, but also a cupper.

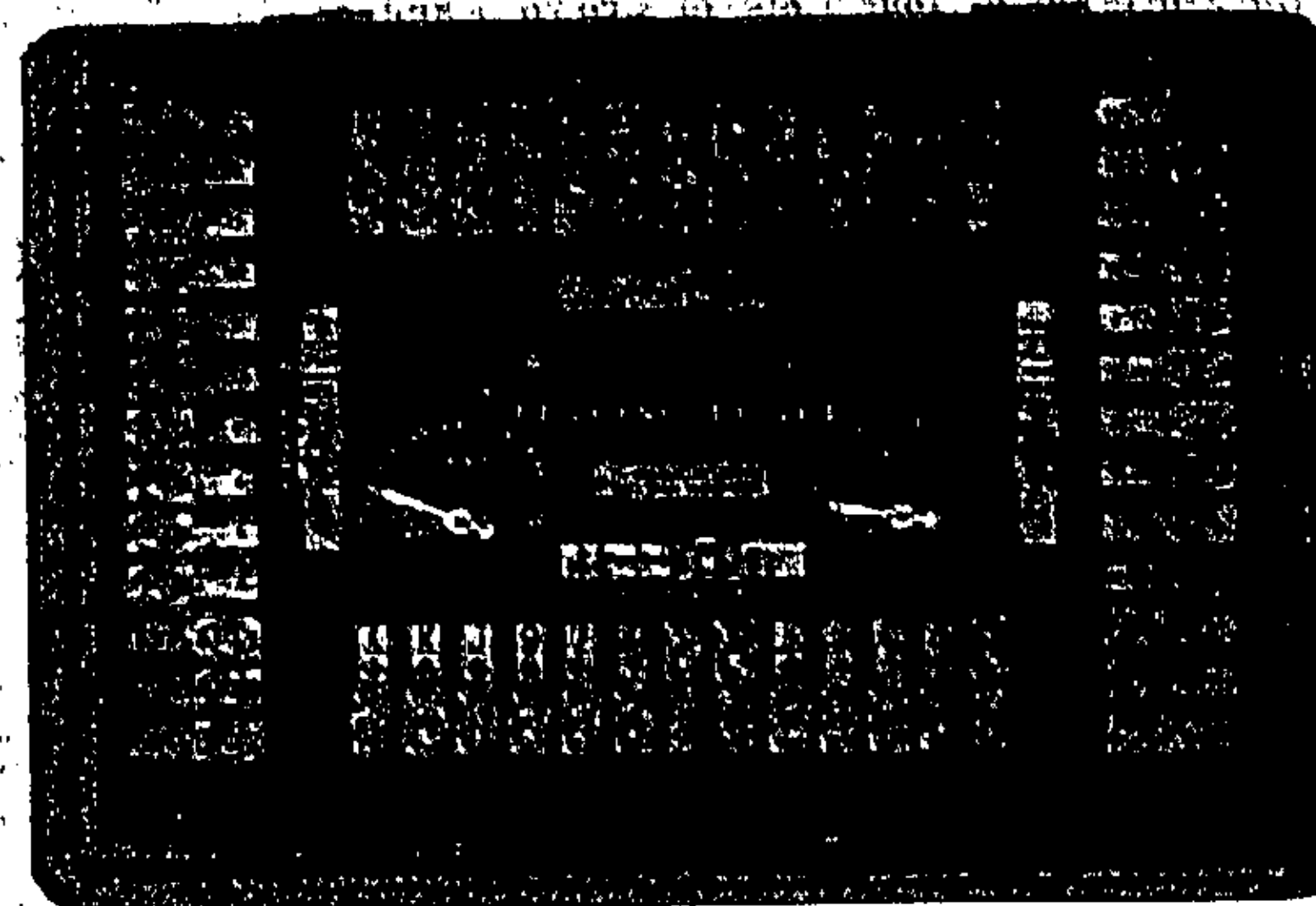
No motive for the attack could be established other than that earlier in the day complainant had refused defendant a loan of 20 cents. The firewood business had since gone bankrupt.

In passing sentence, on defendant, Mr. MacLennan awarded complainant \$10 from the Poor Box. Tam suffered several wounds in his struggle with defendant, his left hand being badly cut.

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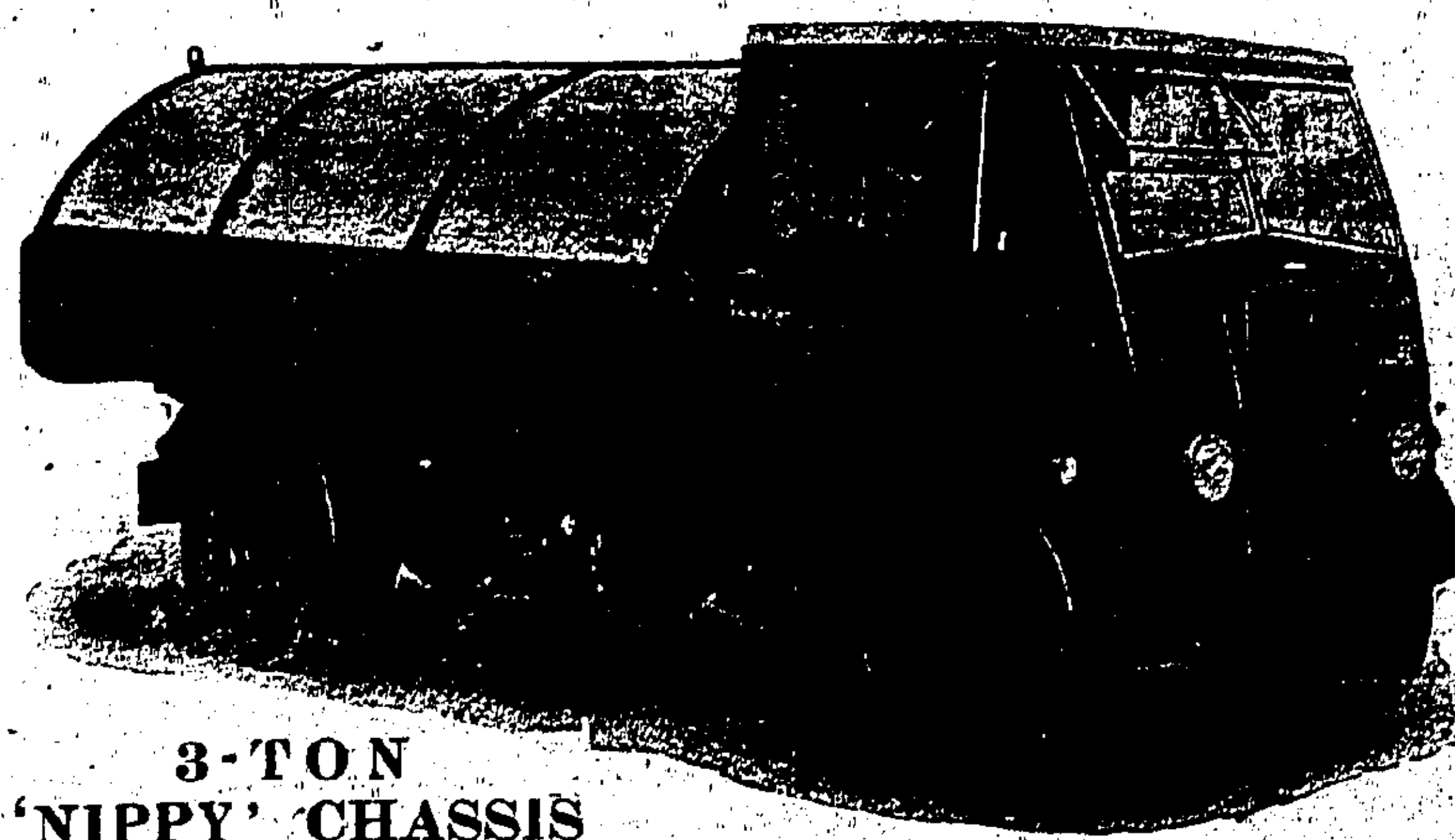
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of July, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of four Lots of Crown Land at Kam Tsai, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised Officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
1	Sheung Shui Inland Lot No. 9.	Kam Tsai.	As per sale plan	21,780	100	871
2	" 10.	"	"	37,690	172	1,504
3	" 11.	"	"	138,980	638	5,557
4	" 12.	"	"	201,48	926	8,059

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Government Under Fire

THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT faced determined opposition yesterday from the Unofficial members of the Legislative and Finance Committee when the subject of the compulsory evacuation was brought up for consideration in connection with a series of questions which had been put to the authorities and later again when a supplementary "Token Vote" for \$10,000 for meeting expenses of the evacuation of women and children was vigorously opposed. We have in these columns consistently taken up the case against the bungling methods which the Government adopted in connection with this evacuation scheme and have repeatedly pointed out the serious effect it was having on the normal economic life of the Colony. We also claim to have been the first to expose the deplorable conditions under which the supervision of the evacuated women and children from Hongkong was being carried out by the local Government's representatives. On this latter point, however, we studiously refrained from criticising the Government in the hope that an opportunity would have been taken at yesterday's meeting of the Council to make a full and frank statement of Government policy in answer to the charges which had been levelled at the authorities.

THE GOVERNMENT, however, failed to try and regain the confidence of the people. A statement was, it is true, made, soon after most terse replies had been tabled to the questions asked by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada. As a statement of the Government's views and its anxiety to protect the welfare of the people of this Colony it fell short of any value. In fact it was merely evasive and tended to thrust the entire responsibility for the muddled situation on the shoulders of the Home Government—or, to be more exact, the British War Cabinet. Up to this stage, yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council moved along its usual official groove, despite the great public interest which had been aroused. The opposition of the unofficials, as representing the opinions of the public in the Colony, was, however, clearly demonstrated at the Finance Committee meeting when the Government spokesman, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, was made to realise the full weight of public feeling and indignation over the evacuation.

THE UNOFFICIAL members made it quite clear to the Government that they were not prepared to be made "accessories to the fact" of the Government's bungling. The Government spokesman was disconcerted over this attitude and eventually succeeded in having the debate continued in "private session." In the meantime, however, several interesting facts had emerged. The first was that the evacuation order was in the first instance only applicable to "pure British" women and children and the "not 100 per cent British" families, who had inadvertently been sent away, would be allowed to return. This is an admission that there was

NOTICE TO EVACUEES

On July 20, notices were sent to certain women and children advising them to prepare for evacuation direct to Australia on or about July 28. It is now announced that the ship will not sail before August 3. Further detailed instructions will be sent out in due course.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOSS OF TRADE & EVACUATION

To the Editor, H.K. Daily Press.
Sir.—Your correspondent "Exasperated" in your issue of July 22 has made it quite clear that the War Revenue Tax Department will not be able to collect sufficiently to pay for the employment of a number of examiners, experts and accountants in the field of Income Tax from England.

The Commissioner of War Tax will be surprised to find if he makes a round of all Factories, Public Utility Companies, Department stores, European stores, Commercial firms, professional men, Stock brokers firms and other business concerns that they are facing disaster and therefore the prospects for profits are "absolutely nil" for 1940/41.

Instead of a scorched earth policy on the remote possibility of trouble, we are pursuing a worse line of destructive action after progress of a century.

Yours, etc.
DISGUSTED

HEALTH RETURNS

Twenty-one cases of tuberculosis, five of enteric fever, two of dysentery and one each of small-pox, diphtheria and cerebro-spinal fever were reported to the Health Authorities for the 24 hours ended at midnight on July 24.

no immediate urgency for the evacuation measure being rushed through as it was and that, therefore, the Government must be held entirely responsible for the confusion and chaos created in Hongkong and the hardships and misery imposed on the people. The next matter of importance which emerged from the discussion was the confirmation by unofficial members of the Council of the charges of racial discrimination against representatives of the Hongkong Government sent to Manila to look after the comforts of the evacuees. The unofficial member who addressed the meeting made his assertions on the basis of documents in his possession and on the statements of people whose veracity, he said, he had no reason to doubt. The Government was asked for an assurance that a full investigation into these charges would be made.

THE GOVERNMENT reply to this was, we presume, given in the "private session" which followed and, official secrecy being what it is in Hongkong, the public will probably never be given the opportunity of receiving this satisfaction to their outraged feelings. What, however, must give them cause for some satisfaction is that the whole proceedings in Council yesterday proved that the Government has placed itself in a most embarrassing position. The fact that the orders for the evacuation came from the War Cabinet cannot excuse the Government's mishandling of the entire operation. It will be interesting to see to what extent the authorities now propose to proceed with their further plans for evacuation in the light of the present public stand. A frank statement, even now, admitting their error and an attempt to alleviate the present most unsatisfactory position will be preferable and received with more confidence than the continuation of a most palpable blunder.

FURTHER EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS WRITTEN BY H.K.'S "DEPORTED" WIVES

THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS YESTERDAY PURSUED ITS INQUIRIES INTO THE VARIOUS COMPLAINTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY HUSBANDS IN HONGKONG FROM THEIR EVACUATED FAMILIES IN MANILA.

Several of those interviewed by a representative of this paper were willing to submit extracts from letters received for publication in furthering the efforts made in these columns to convince the Government of the terrible conditions to which their families have been subjected during their "deportation," as the Government scheme was so aptly described by an unofficial member of the Legislative Council yesterday.

It will be comforting to some of those husbands who have been distracted over the letters they have received from their wives to know that, according to an official statement made yesterday, women and children with no "pure British" qualifications, who appear to have been "inadvertently" evacuated with the rest of the women and children, are to be given the option of returning to the Colony.

The following are extracts from letters which have been submitted for publication:

BRITISH CONSUL'S ADVICE

"I am just not going to Australia and not under the conditions that we have been living in for the past ten days....."

"The baby is as white as death. We have had no food for the past four days. The food we have gets worse every day. The sight of it makes me sick. Food is hard to get....."

"So you think we are going to be shipped in comfort. THE BRITISH CONSUL HERE THINKS VERY DIFFERENTLY. I HAD A CHAT WITH HIM YESTERDAY AND HE ADVISES ME TO STAY ON HERE."

"He thinks the evacuation has been a mistake from the very beginning and said that nobody in Hongkong seems to know what they are doing."

NO CHAIRS TO SIT ON

"Honestly dear you cannot imagine what it is like unless you see it. We are quartered in a Preparatory School building and there were originally 168 camp beds on our floor. We have no chairs to sit on and if we want to sit down we have to sit on our beds."

"We are called by bugle band at 6 a.m. and have our last meal for the day at 5.30 p.m. At 9.30 p.m. our lights are put out."

"Now that the main party of evacuees have left, there are only about 400 of us left here.....NOW THAT THE OTHERS HAVE LEFT OUR FOOD RATIONS ARE GETTING SMALLER AND SMALLER. This morning at breakfast I had a small fried egg on a piece of dry toast and about three prunes. We cannot get a second helping of anything."

"Tonight we were dished out with about a desert spoon of minced beef on a piece of toast, a small piece of cake, about an inch square and an apple, and that has to last us till 7.30 a.m. tomorrow morning."

"I hear that many of the people who were moved into Manila on Monday objected to the place they were put in. Women and children sleeping in the basement of an old Filipino hotel."

"I BELIEVE B AND S'S AGENTS HERE WENT AND INSPECTED THE PREMISES AND IMMEDIATELY REMOVED THEIR STAFFS' WIVES TO OTHER PLACES."

"Why on earth should we be treated like this? Can't somebody do something about it?"

NO PRIVACY

"Really we are not making a fuss over nothing. We have tried to keep cheerful as much as possible but it seems we are being treated like undesirable....."

"Do you know in the lavatory there was just a row with no privacy....."

"If they want us to travel to Australia under the same conditions as we travelled from Hongkong to Manila, we just couldn't do it. WE SHOULD ALL GO HAVING MAD."

"We were all in a bad enough state of nerves when we arrived here only after three days. Some of the people on the boat were housed like cattle—right down in the steerage."

"Why send us to Australia when there are all those women and children left in Hongkong? I am sorry to have to mean

COLONY'S CREDIT BALANCE

A record surplus of the Colony's credit balance of \$17,091,170 was revealed in the Financial Report for 1939 which was tabled in Legislative Council yesterday. Most of the main sources of revenue showed substantial increases.

The Estimates provided for a deficit of \$1,550,888. Actual revenue exceeded the estimates by \$5,380,727, and the surplus at the end of the year brought the Colony's credit balance to the record total of \$17,091,170.

The special activity in trade, due to the diversion of a much increased proportion of China's trade to Hongkong, continued throughout the year and the increase of the Colony's population owing to the influx of refugees was maintained.

Official Statement

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As regards the allegation of racial discrimination in the War Cabinet's explicit instruction, it had always been held, in the original 1939 evacuation scheme, that special treatment would be necessary for persons with no real domicile in Asia and it had been hoped that India, Malaya, Indo-China and China itself would be the natural destination for all others.

Circumstances in recent months have greatly altered in this latter respect, but I can assure this Council that should further evacuation be ordered the fullest consideration will be given to the claims of all races. The evacuation already effected will clearly facilitate such supplementary action.

I should perhaps make it clear that the secret print of the so-called 1939 Evacuation Scheme was in the hands of the Secretary of State for the Colonies many months ago and was no doubt fully considered by His Majesty's Government before the present decision was reached.

As the Honourable Colonial Secretary has said, that scheme contemplated a much more urgent emergency than now exists; and moreover the recommendation included in that scheme to the effect that priority should be given to the families of all volunteers has evidently not been considered applicable in present circumstances.

EXPENSES QUESTION
Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields said that he noted with astonishment that neither in His Excellency's statement nor in the Colonial Secretary's replies to Mr. D'Almada's questions was there any mention made as to who would bear the expenses for the evacuation. There were a large number of people whose wives and children had been sent away and many husbands here were suffering hardship.

Whatever Government's decision was about the method of expenses he would like Government, at an early date, to make a clear statement to reassure the people, who had been evacuated, both as regards passage, their stay in Manila and return.

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson: A list was prepared in 1939 and since kept up to date. What list is that? His Excellency: The list I understand, was prepared in the Post Office and we asked about three months ago, by wireless and through the Press, for any names or alterations in that list to be put up. As regards Mr. Shields' remarks I can assure you that all the points raised by you have been given very careful consideration in the last day or two.

stay on deck all the way from Hongkong to Manila.

"The child caught a cold and had to be taken to hospital in Manila. IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS IN MANILA MY WIFE LOST 15 POUNDS."

"The first night my wife was in Fort McKinley she and a friend had to have a shower bath in full view of the other women evacuees. There was not even a canvas screen for them."

"After my wife had been there two weeks she saw this Consul and got permission to go to Baguio where she had some relatives and friends (families of the Service and Dockyard people who had gone there previously)."

"When she arrived in Baguio they could not recognise her—she had altered so much. Thank God, she is quite comfortable in Baguio now."

FAR WORSE THAN WANCHAI

The following are extracts from two letters received by a husband from his wife in Manila, dated July 10 and 16.

"This gentleman states that his wife was not the type to complain unless things were really unbearable. He added that, knowing his wife as he did, the letters received must have been very restrained."

"There are no baths here and last night I had a shower in a public room with three other women. I hate it. I don't think I had one yet and quite a few people won't."

"A lot of people were sent to Baguio today. I wanted to go, but they would not send people with small children. Today we were told we were going to the Hotel in the City, a very old part of Manila."

"WELL, A LOT OF FILIPINOS TOLD ME THAT IT WAS A VERY BAD PART OF THE TOWN, NOT FIT FOR WHITE WOMEN TO LIVE IN. We were taken to the City in Army trucks. We were jolted along for about an hour and we finally arrived. It was ghastly, right in the natives' quarter. No Europeans at all. Very narrow streets and closely packed houses."

"It was far worse than living in the heart of Wanchai. I was simply horrified. We were dumped there with our luggage, and I finally learned that we just had to grab the best accommodation that we could."

"The room I got was about half the size of our one at home."

"There were six beds in it and only one very small narrow window. No bathrooms, the lavatories were out in the back somewhere. There was no air anywhere. Everyone was terribly worked up and one or two had hysterics."

"I decided I could not possibly stay there with 6—(a five-months' old baby) so I took a taxi and left."

"I have found accommodation with— I am afraid it is going to be very expensive, but I knew you would want me to move."

A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

Here is an extract from a letter describing conditions in the Hotel, where this lady and her daughter were lodged:

"We had scarcely been in bed an hour before there was a knocking at the door. I shouted out: 'Who is it?' and a man's voice replied: 'Open up, sister, we want to come in for a drink and a chat.'"

I screamed for the boy and the manager, while P—clung to me in terror."

There was another banging at the door and the same voice shouted: 'Quit your howling, honey, and don't try high-hatting us. The last two gals in this room were quite pally and sociable. What's eating you anyway? We are real nice guys.'"

I shouted back: 'I shall call the police unless you stop annoying us.'"

"Oh, O-kay, sister, if that's the way you feel about it. Come on buddy" came the reply and footsteps retreated."

"WE HAVE NOT HAD A SINGLE NIGHT'S SLEEP SINCE THIS TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE PLEASE GET US OUT OF HERE AND BACK TO HONGKONG."

CHILD TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

One of the many aggrieved husbands, who had a pile of letters he had received from his wife in Manila before him, in an interview with the Daily Press yesterday said:

"My wife went down in the Asia. It was so bad below, where they had put her, that she and my three-year-old kiddie had to

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By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd July, 1940.

RENOVATION OF LEPER SETTLEMENT

Votes totalling \$400,673 were approved at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday.

With regard to a supplementary vote of \$18,000 for renovation of the buildings at the Leper Settlement, Kennedy Town, Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan asked whether it was advisable for the institution to be within the confines of the city limits.

The Acting Colonial Secretary said that there was accommodation for 144.

Dr. Li said he hoped the Government would bear in mind the eventual solution of the question.

FISHERIES STATIONS
Regarding a vote of \$21,289 for Fisheries Research Station, the Financial Secretary said that the proposal to erect a building had been held in abeyance and, although in the present circumstances it did not appear likely that the grant of \$160,000 from the Colonial Development Fund would be forthcoming in the near future, it was considered desirable that the work of the Station should be carried on by a nucleus staff from the University.

H.K. MUSEUM COLLECTION

Keeping in step with most of the big cities elsewhere Hongkong is to build a shelter for the safe-keeping of its valuable museum collection. They will be kept in an underground concrete shelter which is to be built at North Point. Hongkong's museum collection includes the famous Chater collection of pictures which are of great historic value.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2830.	Junction of Poi Ho Street and Tai Po Road, Shamshui.	As per sale plan.	About 3,760	88	8,376.

CHINA WILL ENTERTAIN NO PEACE OVERTURES

Rumours Of Discussion Flatly Denied

RUMOURS THAT THE STANDING COMMITTEE of the National Defence Commission decided, at a meeting held on July 22, to summon all military and Party leaders to a meeting on August 1 for the purpose of discussing "Chungking's choice between further resistance or peace" were flatly denied by well-informed quarters in Chungking, states a Reuter message.

It is pointed out that there was never need for discussion on this topic.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at recent meetings and finally in statements issued following the closure of the Burma Road and the Yunnan Railway stated plainly and definitely that China would not consider peace offers and would continue the war of resistance whatever developments might take place in the international situation.

Chinese quarters further state that no peace offers have yet been presented by either Japan or Britain.

No peace proposals were ever presented by Britain either through the Chinese Embassy in London or through the British Diplomatic Mission in Chungking.

There have been, of course, alleged "peace proposals" produced from time to time from irresponsible quarters, ever since the Sino-Japanese hostilities commenced three years ago, but the Chinese Government never treated such proposals seriously hence they never discussed them.

ONLY EXCEPTION

The only exception was the proposals advanced by Dr. Trautmann, former German Ambassador to China, before the fall of Nanking which conversation, however, never progressed beyond the preliminary stage and which broke down completely before there were any normal negotiations.

Not only have later proposals never had any substantial backing but the Chinese authorities dismissed such proposals immediately because they were confident that the Japanese were never sincere and were merely trying to bring about internal dissension among the Chinese.

CONFIDENCE AND STRENGTH

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the Overseas League in London yesterday that the "lion does not merely go out to defend its young—the cubs come home with great strength to defend their parent."

Continuing, Mr. Alexander said that Hitler, after some hesitation, had made a speech of the kind expected of him. Lord Halifax had answered him.

It was clear that the answer of the British people and the Dominions and the Colonies was to prepare more insistently, than ever to secure victory.

"At the present moment there is no doubt that, despite all the threats hurled against us we can face the future not in any spirit of boasting, but with a greater confidence than many of us could have thought possible a few months ago," concluded Mr. Alexander.

SOONER SCHEME IS ABOLISHED

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exile for an absolutely indefinite period, which may possibly not terminate until both the European War and the Sino-Japanese hostilities have come to an end.

LACK WEIGHT

I am aware of the so-called "clear the decks for action" argument, but that seems to me to lack weight, in view of the sheer impossibility of evacuating the hundreds of thousands of Chinese women and children who live in our midst. Any comparison with fortresses, pure and simple, like Gibraltar or Malta, must, therefore, be fallacious.

The deportation of women from the Colony, against their will, is entirely contrary to those principles of freedom and justice for which we are fighting in Europe. In our struggle against Nazi Germany.

The sooner compulsory evacuation, which has already caused widespread misery and unemployment, is abolished, the better.

NO MORE "HARD" PAYMENTS

CANBERRA, July 25 (Reuter) — China has now been removed from the list of countries from which payment in "hard" currency for Australian exports is required.

All Australian goods consigned to China, south of and including Tientsin, and also those consigned to Hongkong, may now accordingly be paid for in sterling.

GANGSTERS KIDNAP WEALTHY CHINESE

SHANGHAI, July 25 (Reuter) — Mr. S. S. Fong, the wealthy Vice-President of the United Chemical Industries Federal Ins. U.S.A. was kidnapped from his car in front of his home in the Western District today, by four armed gangsters.

His Chinese bodyguard who tried to draw his pistol, was shot and seriously wounded. Mr. Fong was forced out from his car into another waiting nearby and then driven away.

Bombed Over 1,000 Times In 90 Days

R.A.F. RAIDS ON GERMANY

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — R. A. F. has bombed Germany and German-occupied countries over a thousand times within the past three months, writes Reuter's Air correspondent.

Since the invasion of the Low Countries, the Air Force has struck night and day at important military and industrial objectives. These have not been isolated raids by a single plane, but large scale operations.

The R. A. F. has persistently endeavoured and, to a great extent, succeeded, in breaking down the scheme, which Germany hoped would culminate in devastating attacks on Britain.

Air Force offensives have been accelerated since the surrender of France, and in exactly a month, 517 thrusts were directed at the enemy's main military and industrial centres, including 86 raids on the German Navy.

Aircraft Works Attacked

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — An Air Ministry communique states that aircraft factories at Gotha, Kassel and Wenzendorf, oil depots at Hamburg and Gelsenkirchen, railway communications, goods yards, anti-aircraft batteries, searchlights and 12 aerodromes were among the objectives in Holland and Germany attacked last night by aircraft of the Bomber Command.

An enemy fighter which attempted to attack one of our bombers was shot down. One of our aircraft is missing.

ENEMY FLYING BOAT SHOT DOWN

Coastal Command aircraft, besides carrying out their usual patrol and escort duties, attacked oil tanks in Dunkirk harbour yesterday afternoon and shot down an enemy flying boat off the north-east coast of Scotland yesterday evening. They also attacked oil tanks of Flushing and docks at Amsterdam during the night.

A total of eight enemy aircraft has been shot down by our fighters and anti-aircraft guns during the day. Two of our fighters were lost.

MALTA RAIDS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — There were two air raids on Malta early yesterday morning. Several bombs were dropped but the damage was only slight and there were no casualties.

HEAVIER TAXATION TO MEET DEMANDS OF WAR URGED BY PRESS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — The demand that taxation must be heavier to meet the demands of war was again the main topic of the morning papers.

The Times says the more closely the Budget statement is examined the plainer it becomes that any serious attempt to grapple with the financial difficulties of the war have been postponed for the second time.

It was high time to make an end of interim budgets with all their consequent unrest and uncertainty. They are the outcome of timidity which is afraid to trust the capacity of the nation for self-sacrifice. It is wholly misplaced timidity, for the nation, while impatient of waste, is ready to respond to a bold, imaginative leadership in the field of finance as in every other field of war.

The DAILY TELEGRAPH states that the direct taxpayers had expected and would cheerfully have borne a higher increase than a shilling on the income tax.

Everyone understands that victory cannot be achieved without sacrifice and no one wants to shirk his due share. The DAILY EXPRESS describes the public demand for heavier taxation as "proof that the people of this country are ready for any sacrifices, however drastic, which the Government asks."

The DAILY HERALD says the country hoped that the Government would already be planning to avoid such economic evils as followed the last war and "so we suggest to Sir Kingsley Wood that he should give us the next time a truly bold, thorough scheme of war finance."

Defence Bill Powers

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — The House of Commons yesterday resumed consideration in committee of the Emergency Powers Defence Bill, which provides powers for the trial of offences by special courts in certain areas.

As the Bill stands at present, it is laid down that the proceedings of such courts shall be subject to no review.

Criticism had been advanced in this respect and today Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, declared that it was never in the mind of the Government to exclude a review in the case of pre-rogative of mercy.

DEATH SENTENCE — In cases of capital or lesser sentences, everyone had the right to appeal to the clemency of the Crown and in the case of death sentence, before it could be carried out, a review was made by the Home Secretary as a matter of course irrespective of any appeal.

He suggested that insertion of the amendments on the report stage would go a long way to meet misgivings.

Sir John added that he was quite willing to propose insertion of words to make it quite clear that provision must be made by regulation for securing that no death sentence shall be carried out until the question of reprieve has been duly considered.

THIRD READING

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — The Emergency Powers Bill was read a third time yesterday in the House of Commons without a division.

URGED TO MAKE PROGRESS — After a considerable debate the Attorney General appealed to the House to make progress with the Bill and said: "We want the Bill to pass through the House tonight. It is impossible to get the form of words this evening to meet the desire expressed, but the Home Secretary will be prepared to consider whether the form of words could be inserted in the Bill in Lords." (Cries of no).

The Attorney General said acceptance of Mr. Harvey's amendment might be taken as indication that in the opinion of the Government a review ought to operate over every case. So long as it is clear this is not demanded, I am prepared to accept the amendment. The amendment was agreed to.

NAZIS LEAVING LITHUANIA

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — It is learnt that 30,000 Germans living in Lithuania, are returning to Germany, where the new political order has been introduced into the Baltic States and the harvest completed.

NO ULTIMATUM BY RUSSIA

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Reports that Russia had presented an ultimatum to Finland, demanding the demobilisation of the Finnish Army, were officially denied in Helsinki.

U.S. Place Embargo On Fuel To Germany

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter) — "Virtual embargo" has been placed on fuel or lubricant supplies reaching Germany and Italy through an intermediary, it is learnt from an authoritative federal source.

The statement followed the announcement by the Maritime Commission that it had a few days ago halted the sailing of two United States tankers laden with 200,000 barrels of oil, bound for Spain from a port in Texas.

An official explained that the action was taken because the Commission thought it dangerous to allow American ships to go so near belligerent activity.

NOT ASKED. The official added that the Commission had adopted this general policy, without being asked to do so by the White House or State Department.

Foreign tankers, he added, were not affected.

Another authoritative source stated that the embargo was directed against potential go-betweeners for the Axis Powers or Japan, and it is being applied under the recent Presidential proclamation, authorising the Treasury Department to impose shipping controls.

In the case of the shipment to Spain, it was declared the official reason was that the quantities were too large for Spain's normal consumption.

Recruitment In India

SIMLA, July 25 (Reuter) — A compulsory principle for the recruitment of European-born British subject in India for work of national importance is embodied in an Ordinance being issued today.

Domiciled Europeans are not affected by the Ordinance which provides for service in the armed forces or in a civilian capacity.

Apart from the element of compulsion, no radical change is made in the existing procedure as laid down in the National Service Bill passed by the Central Assembly last April.

Tribunals will be established to hear appeals with regard to availability and other questions. Provision is also made for conscientious objectors who will be liable for civilian service only.

AN OBVIOUS RUSE

SHANGHAI, July 25 (Reuter) — The British Embassy denies the German reports that the "British Far Eastern Fleet" has left Singapore for the Mediterranean or the East African coast.

It is suggested that the reports have been spread in an effort to extract information, but the British authorities refuse to be drawn by such an obvious ruse.

Evacuees For Mexico?

MEXICO CITY, July 25 (Reuter) — After discussions with the Mexican Government, the British Consul has issued a statement that any British children evacuated from Britain to the United States or Canada would be welcomed in Mexico if brought by parents of well-intentioned societies.

If homes and maintenance were assured, normal restrictions for immigrants would be waived.

The Press announces that a plan has been made to receive 500 British children.

It is pointed out that many Spanish children have been refugees in Mexico since the Spanish civil war.

LABOUR REGIME ESTABLISHED

BUCHAREST, July 25 (Reuter) — An emergency labour regime is established in Rumania by a decree published yesterday enabling the Government to expand the working time in industries and transport organisations beyond the eight-hour day at present in force.

All holidays and Sunday leave may be cancelled at armament works and women may be employed on night work.

FOUR-POINT JAPANESE POLICY

VIRTUAL ACCORD REACHED

TOKYO, July 25 (Reuter) — A virtual agreement on the views for a four-point national policy was reached at the Cabinet meeting held today.

The policy is composed of — First, replenishment of national defences.

Second, renovation of foreign policy.

Third, establishment of wartime and planned economy (establishment of the East-Asian economic sphere for self-supply and self-sufficiency).

Fourth, renovation of education as worked out by the National Planning Board.

Following the formal approval by the Cabinet meeting on July 26 or July 27, the Government is expected to enunciate its national policy early next week.

TANI RELIEVED OF POST

TOKYO, July 25 (Reuter) — The Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tani, has been relieved of his post, at his own request, according to the Domei Agency.

Mr. Matsumi, Director of the Research Bureau in the Foreign Office, has been appointed Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Pan-American Conference Results

A correspondent of the New York Times, reviewing the results of the Pan-American Conference so far, states that from a fog of generalities and daily communiques a vague outline of the final results of the conference is beginning to be discernible, says Reuter.

The correspondent says the economic cartel is definitely "out" and the mandate for trusteeship of European possessions has so far had little encouragement and will most possibly end up in some abstract formula, while the economic action will, at best, be recommended for consideration at some later meetings.

SIX RESOLUTIONS

What had been accomplished so far was embodied in the drafts of six resolutions, five of which were introduced by the United States. The American draft concerns basis for economic co-operation, anti-fifth column measures, trusteeship of the European possession in the western hemisphere, inter-American convention against forcible changes of their sovereignty and the status of diplomatic agents from non-American nations.

The sixth resolution by Bolivia, suggests the construction between ocean and railway, linking Santos and Brazil with Africa and Chile, through Bolivia.

PRIZE COURT SITTING

FIRST SESSION SINCE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR

For the first time in Hongkong, since the declaration of War, a Prize Court was in session yesterday. His Honour Sir Athol MacGregor sat as Judge.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Marshall in Prize, applied for grant for the condemnation of three lots of goods that were destined to enemy concerns.

The applications were granted and the cargoes, consisting of 12 drums of Cobalt, 16 cases of rolled brass and one case of wooden piece goods, were ordered to be condemned as droits and perquisites of the Crown.

TO SUPERVISE OIL DEPOT

BUCHAREST, July 25 (Reuter) — The Rumanian Oil Commission has appointed a controller to supervise the affairs of the Astra Romana, the biggest oil undertaking in Rumania.

The Astra is owned by British and Dutch interests. This action follows allegations that the Company failed to supply the Commission with the required details of its operations.

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BOTANIC GARDENS' WAR WORK

The Singapore Botanic Gardens are playing a very practical part in Malaya's "more home-grown food" campaign. A spot of lawn, that would otherwise have produced only flowers and grass, has been turned into a self-contained experimental station cum show-room for a large variety of vegetables.

On the outbreak of war, 26 beds for vegetable culture were opened on the lawn mentioned, and all vegetables grown were labelled, while a notice board close by had particulars of propagation and other information.

Vegetables and notice board attracted considerable public interest, reports Mr. R. E. Holtum, Director of Gardens, S.S., and many requests for further information were received.

SHORT PAPERS

In connexion with this work, a number of short papers on local vegetables and their cultivation were prepared by officers of the Gardens Department, for the M. A. H. A. magazine with the co-operation of the Agricultural Officer, Singapore.

Besides these vegetable plots in the Botanic Gardens, the Gardens Department carried out similar work in Government House domain where a vegetable garden was opened in addition to the former nursery accommodation for this purpose.

In the 38 beds were grown long beans, french beans, sweet potatoes, radishes, cauliflowers, lobak, maize, brinjals, lettuce, artichokes, lady fingers, amaranthus, and Chinese cabbage.

Another vegetable garden was also made, at the outbreak of war, in the grounds of the Colonial Secretary's house.

CORVETTES FROM CANADA

LONDON, July 25 (Reuters).—Canada's latest contribution to the war effort, consists of building of vessels to be known as Corvettes which will be used for patrol purposes. Corvettes were originally vessels similar but smaller to frigates.

In the United States they are known as sloops of war. They will be named after towns in Canada just as other Canadian warships are named after Canadian rivers.

80-Year-Old Land Deal Decision In Court

Judgment in favour of the Attorney-General was delivered by Mr. Justice Manning in the High Court Singapore in respect of two pieces of land sold by the East India Co. in 1857 and 1858 to Wee Guan Hoe and Wee Guan Wee, as trustees, for the burial ground of the Wee clan.

For a number of years these two pieces of land, situated in Tanjong Pagar District, were used as burial grounds for members of the Wee clan. Part of the first piece of land was acquired by Government over 30 years ago, and for the last 30 years neither piece of land had been used as a burial ground.

Neither was ever licensed under the law as a burial ground, but the authorities, stated his lordship, seemed to have winked at burials in them for a number of years.

The lands could no longer be used for burials, firstly, because a part of them no longer belonged to the trust; and, secondly, because the law had forbidden their use for the purpose for which they were purchased.

In these circumstances, the Judge stated, certain issues had been framed for trial in which a man named Wee Chin Ann, grandson of Wee Guan Hoe, was the plaintiff and the defendant was the Attorney-General on the relation of a member of the Wee clan.

The first two issues, were whether the trusts created by the two indentures dated March 3, 1857, and October 20, 1858, had failed. All that needed to be said as regards these was that the objects of the trusts had become impossible or performance of the land could no longer be used for burials.

The third issue was what persons were entitled to the lands comprised in the two indentures or the proceeds of sale thereof.

FASHION DECREES FROM AMERICA

COMMUNIST BOOK FOUND IN MILITARY SERVANTS' ROOM

Considerable trouble among servants at Changi, resulted in the arrest of Ham Nj Tiu, a 25-year-old Hainanese, for the possession of a prohibited publication — "The Emancipation" — which was stated to be the journal of the China Communist Party.

Ham pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of the publication and was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment by Mr. J. C. Rappoport, the Third Police Magistrate, Singapore.

Mr. F. I. Tremlett, who prosecuted, said that there had been considerable trouble among the servants at Changi Cantonment. As a result the military authorities at Changi decided to carry out a search of suspected persons.

"Ham's room was searched," said Mr. Tremlett, "and a copy of 'The Emancipation,' issue No. 19, was found in his room. The 'Emancipation' is the journal of the China Communist Party, and its importation was forbidden under the Undesirable Publications Ordinance and gazetted on Apr. 10, 1940.

"Ham was also found in possession of two documents which were written in his own handwriting. One was about a strike and the other was a letter of warning signed by the Traitor Exterminating Corps."

Ham said that he bought "The Emancipation" five or six months ago and that he had picked up the two pamphlets which had been distributed by a cyclist at Changi.

When reminded by the magistrate that the documents were in his own handwriting, Ham said that he had written the pamphlets out while practising writing Chinese characters.

The wedding of Mr. D. McL. Wheeler, of Imperial Chemical Industries (China), Ltd., and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheeler, formerly of Shanghai and now of Highcliffe, Hants, and Miss Jean Greig, adopted daughter of Provost G. Beles and the late Mrs. Beles, of North Berwick, East Lothian, took place on July 18 at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai.

BEACH AND PLAY CLOTHES

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Vivid Brazilian flowers in bright green, blue, wine, copen, wood brown, purple or reds have been transferred to linen and cottons for use as play suits and swimming suits.

Ballerina Skirt:

A BALLERINA SKIRT with a brassiere-top bodice is figure-flattering and eye-catching. The flowered-print is bold in size and colour.

One line features a print inspired by the tattoo of the sailor. A butterfly perched on a rose masterpiece is printed on a three piece ensemble. The tiny cotton top is of plain colour and a full skirt with a shirred elastic top is worn. The midriff is bare.

The separate pants are of shirred cotton matelasse, in the printed design.

Two entwined hearts are printed on cotton elasticized matelasse to make a fetching bathing suit. The suit is a simple, one-piece model. It has a fingertip length beach coat of matching cotton, made without the elastic.

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These tennis dresses have short pants of white worn under the dress which may be either in one or two pieces.

PAPERS AS USUAL

LONDON, July 25 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Duff Cooper was asked whether any arrangements had been made in the event of any region of Britain being cut off during an enemy invasion, to secure the distribution of newspapers on the widest scale possible.

The Minister of Information replied that he understood adequate arrangements have been made both by National and Provincial newspapers on their own account to secure distribution should such a period of emergency arise.

LORD LLOYD'S CONGRATULATIONS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuters).—When Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for Colonies, inspected two detachments of Cypriot Transport Companies attached to the Northern and Southern Commands yesterday, he delighted them by addressing them in their own language. He said that he was much impressed by their discipline and quality and congratulated them on their efficiency during the recent campaign in France.

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Important Government Scheme Shelved

An important Government scheme which would have had an excellent effect on the cultural life of the city has had to be shelved—for the time being. This proposed scheme aimed at extending Raffles Library to the buildings at present occupied by St. Andrew's School, says the Malaya Tribune.

Work was scheduled to start immediately on the building, as soon as the school transferred to its new premises at Woodville.

News of Government's decision to postpone the development of the scheme—put forward by the committee of the library—was received recently, the Tribune is informed.

The proposed scheme was to extend the library to the buildings left vacant by St. Andrew's School. By this move, the Junior Library and the public library would have been housed in separate buildings.

The present library would then have been developed purely as a reference library.

Development of the public library itself would thereafter have depended entirely on the amount of money available.

On the question of money, the committee has decided that financial support for the maintenance and improvement of the library should not come from Government alone, and that more public support should be forthcoming.

There have been other proposals for the taking over of the school buildings. On the Armenian Road side one of the group of buildings will be handed over to the Yee H Club.

Nothing has been finalised as yet, however, but it is believed that the Yee H Club will take over the building at an early date, although improvements and renovations to the building will be necessary.

QUESTION OF COST

Reason for Government's decision to postpone the extension scheme, however, is the question of cost.

FATHER GIVES AWAY TWO DAUGHTERS

At the Bethesda Gospel Hall, Singapore, recently, Mr. G. Baker walked down the aisle with a bride on each arm.

He gave away his daughters Gwendolyn and Olga at their double wedding to Lance Corporal Ralph Desmond Sharpe, R.E., and Lance Corporal Ernest Corner, R.E., respectively.

Miss E. Yeomans attended, Miss Gwendolyn Ames Baker as bridesmaid wearing a picture frock of blue taffetas with pale pink accessories. Her bouquet was of blue and pink hydrangeas.

Miss Olga Naomi Baker was attended by Misses G. Siddons and M. Sullivan. They were frocked alike in pink taffetas picture frocks with blue accessories. They wore headresses of pink tulle in halo shape and carried bouquets of pink gladioli.

Officiating minister was Mr. E. Tipson.

Dr. B. Chew was the organist. Lance Corporal Sharpe was attended by Lance Corporal P. Curran, R. E. and Lance Corporal Corner was attended by Corporal J. Adams, 24, best man. Rappoport was the groomsmen.

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**N.E.I. JOURNALIST ON
INDO-CHINA AFFAIRS**

Negotiations have been begun in French Indo-China to divorce the plastre from the franc and link it with either the pound sterling, the guilder or the United States dollar—a decision which, it is hoped in Saigon, will solve the country's peculiar economic difficulties brought about by the submission of France to Germany and the advent of the Petain regime.

News of this was brought by Dr. A. J. J. Hammelburg, economic expert for the N.E.I. newspaper Java-Bode, who, with a fellow-journalist, recently visited French Indo-China to study the situation there with special permission of the Government, says the Malaya Tribune.

Dr. Hammelburg is hurrying back to Java to report this impending economic change in French Indo-China, which, he says, will have "big repercussions."

Asked what his impressions were of the present situation in Indo-China, from where there has been practically no news recently, Dr. Hammelburg said, "The business people are not for Petain. The officials' attitude is, 'We obey the orders of the Government.'"

The business men and prominent residents with whom I have talked blame the politicians, who, they say, made mistakes before and during the war, but they can't see any good in the Fascist system. Petain has prepared for France.

"EVERYTHING CENSORED"

"The position with the business houses is not so good. For weeks they have heard nothing from their head offices. Everything is censored. Your Reuters news here is published in Saigon 11 hours later. Radio broadcasts from the B.B.C. are jammed by the official station."

"The people know nothing of General de Gaulle or what he is doing. The newspapers print nothing about him. There is a great deal of news printed in the newspapers that is sent out by Berlin and Rome news services."

Turning to the shipping situation, Dr. Hammelburg said that two of the Messageries Maritimes' largest vessels, the Aramis and the D'Aragnan, are tied up in harbour.

Eight thousand tons of rubber meant for the United States cannot be exported.

But there is no lack of food, though shortage of petrol has necessitated the Government ordering rationing. Newspapers are

**ANOTHER CHINESE
PROTEST**

CHUNGKING, July 25 (Reuter)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has filed another strong protest with the diplomatic representatives of the foreign governments concerned against the handing over by the Shanghai Municipal Council of the land documents to the bogus Shanghai regime.

The Ministry pointed out that since the land documents were entrusted to its custody by the Land Bureau of the Greater Shanghai Municipality under Mayor O.K. Yui the S.M.C. had no right to hand them over to any organisation other than the original Land Bureau, and far less the bogus Shanghai regime.

Characterising the action of the S.M.C. as unlawful, the Ministry said that it not only seriously affected the interests of the Chinese and foreigners in Shanghai but also betrayed the trust of the Chinese Government.

Declaring the transfer legally null and void, the Ministry said that the Chinese Government reserved all rights in the case.

**Mrs. Roosevelt
On Economic
Security**

NEW YORK, July 25 (Reuter)—Writing in her daily newspaper column, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, urged the United States to encourage the growth of economic security in China.

"I suppose for many people the question of closing of the Burma Road for three months seems rather an academic question," she says.

"Yet when a nation cuts off its ports, its one source of connection with the outside world, it must seem rather important to that nation. In a minor way Japan is doing to China what some day a combination of nations might do to us. It may sound very selfish, but from the point of view of our own interest, would it not be wise to encourage the growth of economic security in China? I realise the needs of Japan. I am all for peaceful trade with Japan, but somehow it seems to me that this spread of war all over the world must be stopped and the best way to do so in the Far East would be to build up the economic security."

proposal of having the plastre free of the franc so that it will not be subject to any fall in the value of the franc, thus enabling French Indo-China to be free to carry on trade to the best of her advantage.

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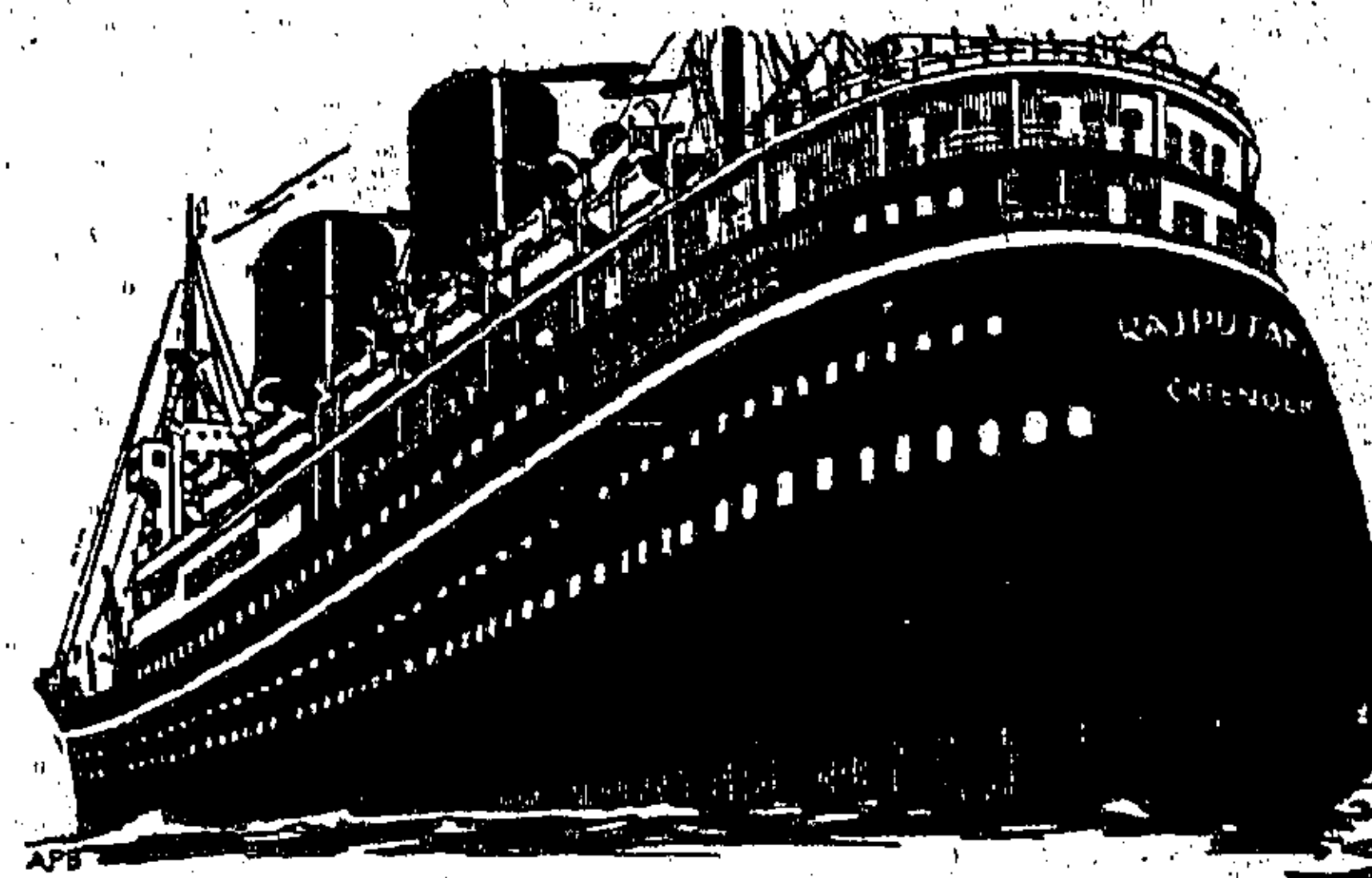
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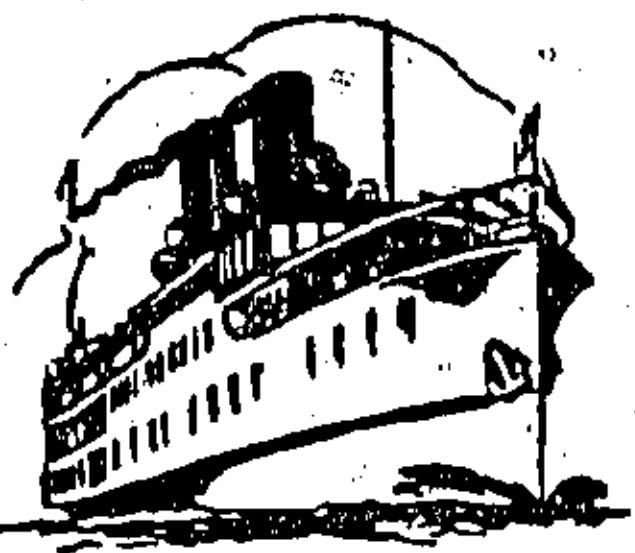
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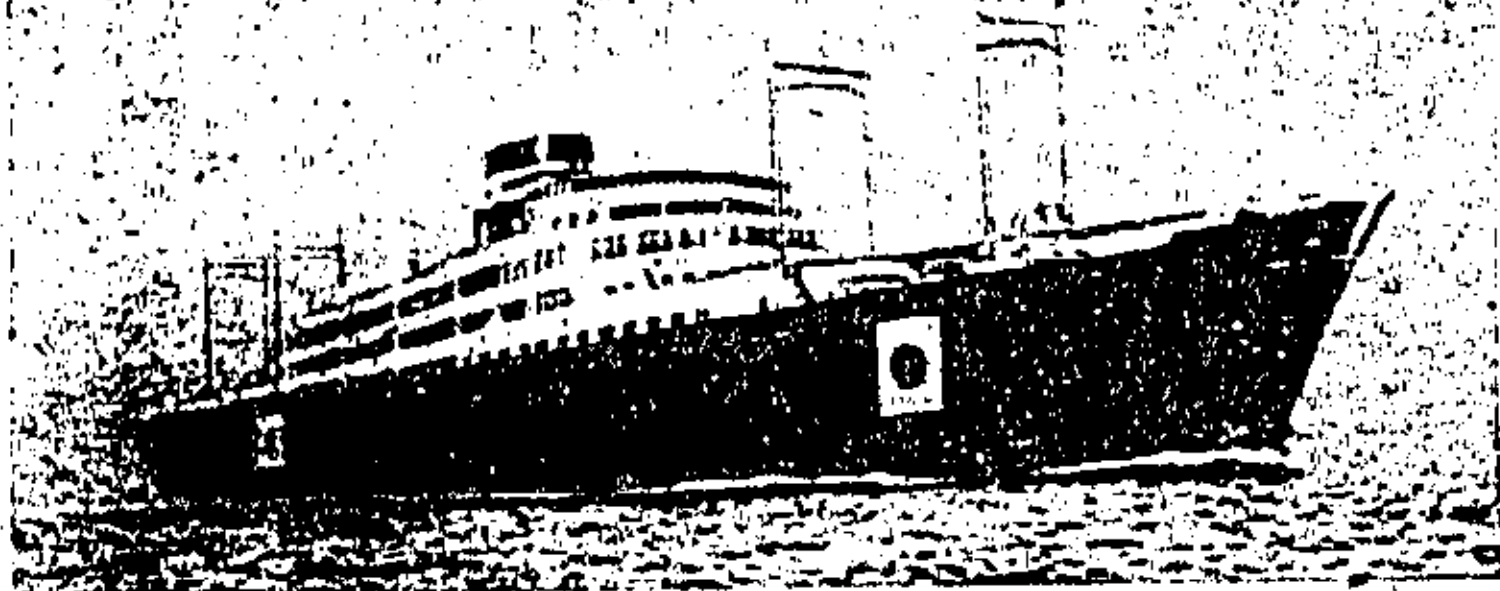
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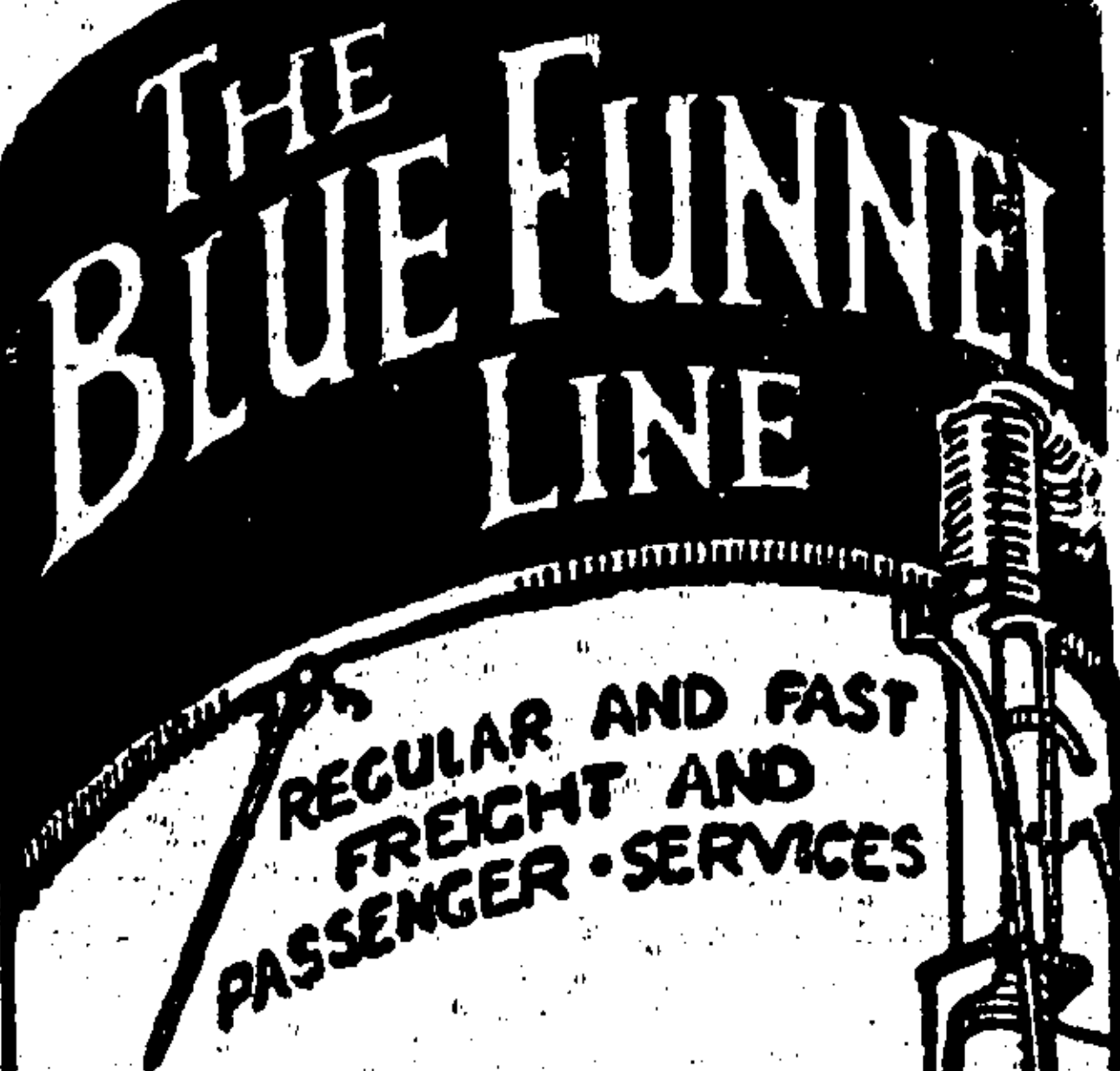
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Forfeits Confidence

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stated that they can not take responsibility for this evacuation but left it to this body of men who were outside the Colony's constitution.

Colonial Secretary: I doubt that you would wish me to make a statement, on this occasion, at this point. If what His Excellency has said and my replies are insufficient, then the matter can be raised again.

BADLY HANDLED

Hon. Mr. Paterson remarked that his one reason for opposing the vote was that the whole of the evacuation scheme had been very badly handled by the Government. He thought that as far as Government was concerned it had been ineffectual and neither now nor in the future should the public pay for waste matter.

Remembering that asking the Finance Committee to agree to this "token vote" amounted to a request for a blank cheque, Hon. Mr. Lo said that the whole community had very loyally subscribed and paid towards Britain's war effort, but they did not in fact pay for the evacuation of so many thousands of selected persons, and if it was suggested that the money be taken from the War Revenue Fund the opposition to the vote by the Chinese members of the Council would be even stronger.

Hon. Mr. Shields contended that the evacuation was entirely wrong. If Government were not going to be responsible for the maintenance of the people who had been sent away, irrespective of nationality or race, then Government should say so. The Government must have a policy, he added. The vote did not say where the money was going.

Hon. Mr. Butters (Financial Secretary) said that certain bills had come in from the Committee in charge of the evacuation, such as the transfer of luggage to the ships, etc.

The Colonial Secretary mentioned that there were items for voluntary assistance to people who were in need.

NOT AGAINST PAYING

Hon. Mr. Dodwell said that he did not wish it to be understood that he was against paying. "I say that the Home Government should pay."

The Colonial Secretary: I don't agree with a great deal of what has been said. I do not propose to continue the debate on this. If the meeting is agreeable, we can meet confidentially afterwards when we can find out what the differences are. We can hold the vote over.

Hon. Mr. Shields: I propose we do not pass this vote. It should be thrashed out in full Council.

The Colonial Secretary said he could not give an estimate of what money was needed until they knew when Government would agree to the cost of maintenance.

HUSBANDS WILL SUFFER

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is-making itself responsible not only for the actual cost of transport to Manila and Australia and return to Hongkong, but also for the maintenance of the families of those who cannot afford to maintain themselves. The period of evacuation is indefinite. It may be for three months, six months, or a number of years.

SELECTED SECTION

Therefore the position, as it appears to us is that the tax-payers of this Colony are being made to pay for the evacuation of a very small and selected section of the community and, whenever necessary, for their maintenance and support during an indefinite period leaving some 99.9 per cent. of the population uncared for and unprotected when an emergency does come.

I am aware that most if not all of the evacuees did not ask for and did not like the evacuation; that they naturally resent the enforced separation from those near and dear to them, and that their husbands suffer and will continue to suffer great financial burdens and hardship arising from the evacuation. In all sincerity, I keenly sympathise with them.

Moreover, I know that many of the evacuees have very bitter tales to tell of what I can only describe as disgraceful discrimination in treatment meted out to them; not by the Manila Authorities and people to whom this Colony owes a great debt of gratitude, but by those charged by the Hongkong Government to look after their welfare. I hope that these complaints are being fully investigated by Government.

I know further that those not compulsorily evacuated have much to be thankful for in the existing circumstances. But the terrible hardships of the evacuees, the financial sacrifices which husbands of the evacuees have to bear, and the advantages at the present time of those not compulsorily evacuated, can have no relevancy on the point of principle that some million and a half people in Hongkong are made to pay for the evacuation and maintenance of some 5,000 people.

My colleagues and I realise very keenly the difficulties of Government and the last thing we wish to do is to embarrass Government. But as representatives of 98 per cent. of the population for whom Government has as yet not been able to do anything either for their evacuation or for their protection during an emergency and who bear some 90 per cent. of the burden of taxation, we feel it our duty to vote against.

Hon. Mr. Shields reiterated that there should be no discrimination in the matter.

Hon. Mr. Paterson asked for an assurance that matters of this nature would be properly conducted in future.

Government Under Fire

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Hon. Mr. Paterson: I have often wondered at that. (More laughter.)

Mr. Paterson added that the whole thing had been ineffectively handled.

Hon. Mr. D'Almada emphasised that the Hon. Mr. Lo was not the sort of man bring forward allegations if he was not sure of his facts. If there was an option for non-European women to return others would jump at the opportunity to come back to Hongkong. There had, said Mr. D'Almada, been discrimination here and sub-discrimination in Manila.

Colonial Secretary remarked that if a Government official was concerned the answer would be quite easy.

Hon. Mr. Lo said that he had seen copies of newspapers and letters that had been forwarded to the Attorney General. The women evacuees were weeded out by Dean Wilson and Mr. T. J. Houston on the expert advice of two ladies from Hongkong.

After further argument, in which high tribute was paid to what was done for the women and children in Manila by the American Red Cross and U.S. Army, Hon. Mr. Butters said that he was satisfied with the words expressed by Mr. Lo that the women were from Hongkong.

NOT CONSULTED

Sir Henry Pollock remarked that there should be some enquiry as to why the Finance Committee was not consulted before the evacuation scheme was put into operation.

Hon. Mr. Paterson: The War Cabinet overrides everything.

Sir Henry Pollock suggested that the War Cabinet members subscribe among themselves to pay for the evacuation. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Paterson pointed out that there was no wish not to pay if the bills were itemised by the Government.

Sir Henry Pollock did not see why they should pay for the transport of baggage of women who should not have been evacuated.

The Finance Committee then went into secret session for the purpose of continuing the debate on the token vote and hearing the Government's proposals from Mr. North.

PASSENGERS

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The following passengers left Hongkong on a J.C.J.L. liner for the South yesterday:—

Mr. T. G. S. Alexander, Miss M. H. Alves, Mr. E. Bailey, Mr. B. R. Carney, Dr. E. J. Curran, Mr. Van Diem Dao, Mr. J. W. Dodds, Miss E. Griffin.
Miss I. Hibbard, Mrs. G. R. Hughes, Mrs. C. Roza and five children, Mr. S. Tilbury, Mr. E. P. Wasser, Miss E. M. Whitehead, Mr. H. N. Williamson, Mrs. B. Yale.

ARRIVALS

Passengers who arrived on the J.C.J.L. liner were:—

Mrs. Q. E. Elshove and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Forster, Miss R. Bry.

IN TRANSIT

Those in transit on board the Dutch ship, were:—

Mr. H. A. Lee, Mr. R. Horne, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. Thio Thiam Tiong, Rev. Hugh Bennett, Rev. Louis Martinez, Mrs. F. K. Mercadante and infant.

FOR THE SOUTH

The following departed on a K.P.M. liner for the South:—

Capt. and Mrs. B. d'E. Barclay, Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Mr. L. J. Brookes, J. J. Durran, Rev. D. V. Edwards, Miss M. E. S. Elliot, Mrs. R. A. D. Forrest, Mr. G. N. Goloboff, Mr. F. N. A. d'Hardvilliers, Mr. A. Hubbard, Mr. H. J. Kilpatrick, Mr. L. Kluge.

Mr. S. D. Longani, Mr. S. D. Melwan, Master M. Matute, Master J. Matute, Master L. Matute, Mrs. L. Piveteau, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. H. P. Rudolf, Mrs. R. M. da Rocha, Miss A. Y. Stetky.

BACK FROM MANILA

The following were among the passengers who arrived in Hongkong from Manila yesterday:—

Mrs. H. J. Pearce, Mrs. R. K. Valentine and son, Mrs. J. S. Howell and son, Mrs. A. W. Wright.

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NEWSETTES

Mrs. R. A. D. Forrest, wife of Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Postmaster General, left Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. H. N. Williamson, of Queen's College, was a passenger to the South from Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. L. J. Brookes, of Butterfield & Swire, left Hongkong for the South yesterday.

About ten members attended the Y's Men's Club's tiffin held at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

Mr. J. K. Bousfield, director, Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, left the Colony for the South yesterday.

Mr. T. G. S. Alexander, of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., left Hongkong yesterday for the South.

Mrs. H. J. Pearce, wife of Mr. H. J. Pearce, Acting Director of Public Works, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Manila.

Removing a pane of glass, a thief entered the bed room of Miss Gardner, of Cameron Road, on Tuesday night and stole her silver rosary, valued at \$4.

Dr. J. Durran, of Mrs. Anderson, Durran & McElney, medical practitioners, left the Colony yesterday for the South.

Mrs. R. K. Valentine, wife of Mr. R. K. Valentine, of Dodwell & Co. Ltd., arrived in Hongkong from Manila yesterday and will be leaving for Los Angeles today.

Mrs. W. Wright, wife of Mr. W. Wright, of Dodwell & Co. Ltd., who arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Manila, will be leaving for the United States today.

Mrs. J. S. Howell, wife of Mr. J. S. Howell, of Dodwell & Co. Ltd., arrived in the Colony from Manila yesterday, accompanied by her son, Mrs. Howell expects to leave for the United States today.

Mr. Liu Li-chien, Secretary-General and member of the Kuangsi Provincial Government, died at Kian on July 16, following a period of illness.

A memorial service for the late Mr. Samuel Chang, veteran Chinese journalist who was murdered by gunmen in Shanghai on July 19, will be held in the Christ Church Waterloo Road, Kowloon, on Monday, July 29, at 5 p.m.